

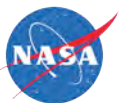


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**Meeting With
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**Thursday, 14Sep06, 1-2pm
GSFC building 33, room H114**

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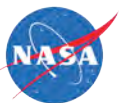


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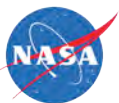


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- Improved awareness for getting network-related assistance
- A brief overview of a range of ARC/NAS/NREN staff efforts to help Columbia users and their SA's improve the throughput performance of their file transfers with Columbia
- Technical examples of efforts which have significantly improved the throughput performance of file transfers with Columbia
- Opportunities to schedule/plan more specific meetings with NCCS+Columbia networking staff/experts



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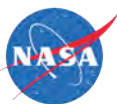


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Intro to Network-Performance-Affecting Factors

Note: NOT even close to a complete list!

- User Computer Based
 - File transfer application + disk I/O speeds
 - Host computer speed
 - TCP tuning
 - Network Interface Card (inc. being jumbo frame capable)
- LAN Based (inc. being jumbo frame capable end-to-end)
 - Connection infrastructure
 - Perimeter firewall
- WAN Based (inc. being jumbo frame capable end-to-end)
 - Round Trip Time (RTT)
 - Packet loss rate



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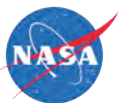


On TCP Dynamics

- **TCP Window Buffer Size (bytes) =
Bandwidth (bps) * Delay (RTT seconds)**
- **The Mathis Equation for Reno Paraphrased**

$$Speed \leq \frac{MTU}{RTT * \sqrt{loss}}$$

- M. Mathis et al, "The Macroscopic Behavior of the TCP Congestion Avoidance Algorithm", Computer Communications Review, volume 27, number 3, July 1997



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Internet2 Land Speed Record

(Rules and current records: <http://lsr.internet2.edu/>)

Last IPv4 Single Stream Record (<http://data-reservoir.adm.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/lsr-20060219/>)

- **8.80 Gbps** (TCP payload), 9014B frame, 264,147 terabit-meters / second
- 32,372 km connection from Tokyo through Seattle, Amsterdam, Chicago to Tokyo Latency 500ms RTT

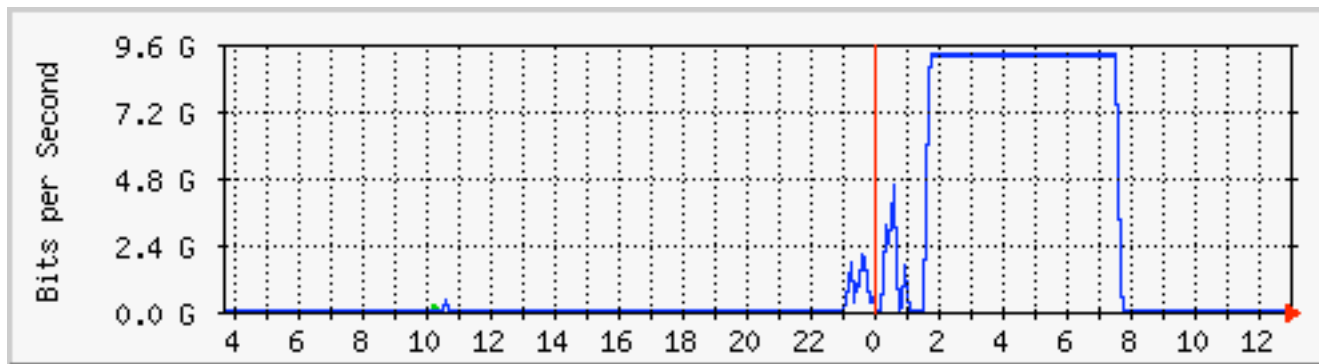


NETWORK USED IN THE EXPERIMENT: nearly three-quarters the circumference of the Earth

On February 3, 2006, GSFC's Bill Fink simultaneously conducted two 6-hour-duration nuttcp-enabled UDP-based 4.6-Gbps flow tests across the NLR-based 10-Gbps NREN lambda . For this test the transmit and receive paths of the NREN lambda were looped at Sunnyvale, causing the test data to flow in both directions. The tests filled the 10-Gbps NREN lambda to 92% of capacity and recorded no packet losses.

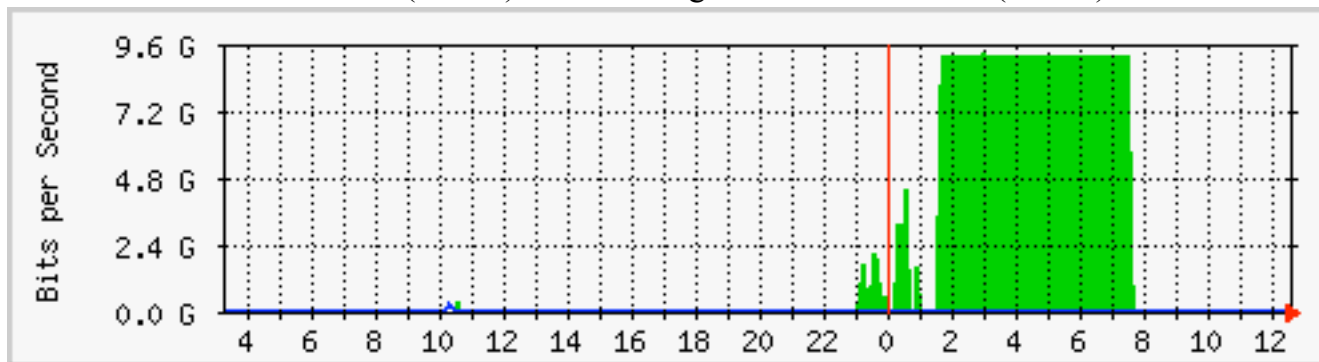
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| Max Out: | 9305.3 Mb/s (93.1%) | Average Out: | 1779.1 Mb/s (17.8%) | Current Out: | 0.0 b/s (0.0%) |

NLR/NREN RX 10 GigE
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| Max In: | 9316.8 Mb/s (93.2%) | Average In: | 1779.1 Mb/s (17.8%) | Current In: | 0.0 b/s (0.0%) |
| Max Out: | 298.9 Mb/s (3.0%) | Average Out: | 1879.9 kb/s (0.0%) | Current Out: | 0.0 b/s (0.0%) |

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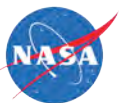


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GSFC SEN and HECN

Service Description Overview

- **Scientific and Engineering Network (SEN)**, typically enabling 1-10 gigabit per second (Gbps) user connections: a non-mission-dedicated high-end computer network at GSFC serving GSFC projects/users who have computer network performance requirements greater than those baselined for GSFC's general-use campus-wide Center Network Environment (CNE)
 - <http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEN.html>
- **High End Computer Network (HECN)/Lambda Network (L-Net)**, typically enabling 10+ Gbps R&D connections: network R&D and testbed evaluations with advanced network technology to contribute to the next generation high-end computer networks at GSFC
 - http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/IRAD_Lambda.html
- Both managed by Code 606.1's HECN Team



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GSFC SEN and HECN

SEN+HECN User Services

- Local Connectivity/Access
- Remote Access
- Production IP Services
- Testbed for Advanced IP Services
- Help Desk



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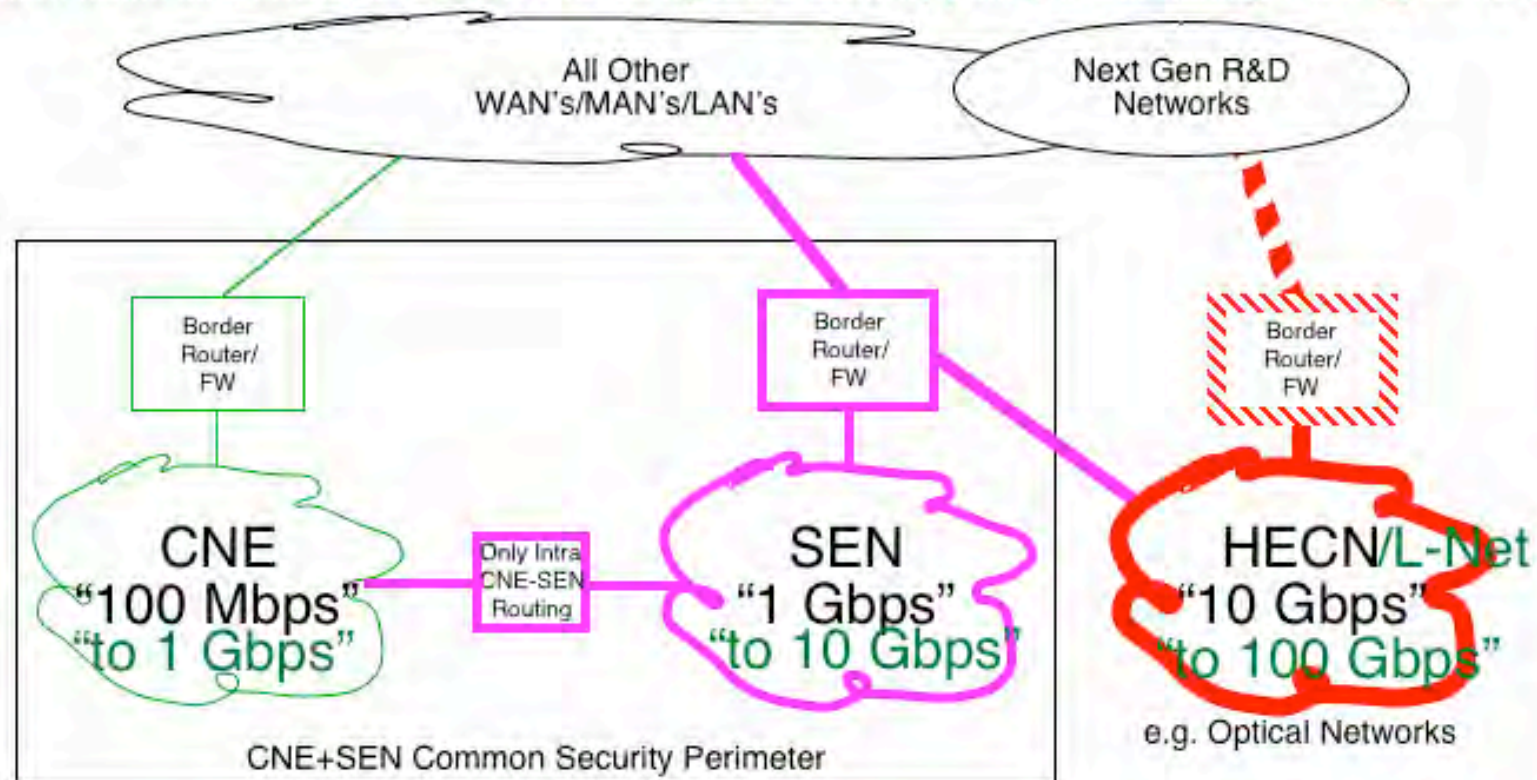
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Notional Key Characteristics of GSFC's Scientific and Engineering Network (SEN) and High End Computer Network (HECN)/L-Net

[Note: Some data flows/paths are restricted by GSFC security policy and/or management agreement]



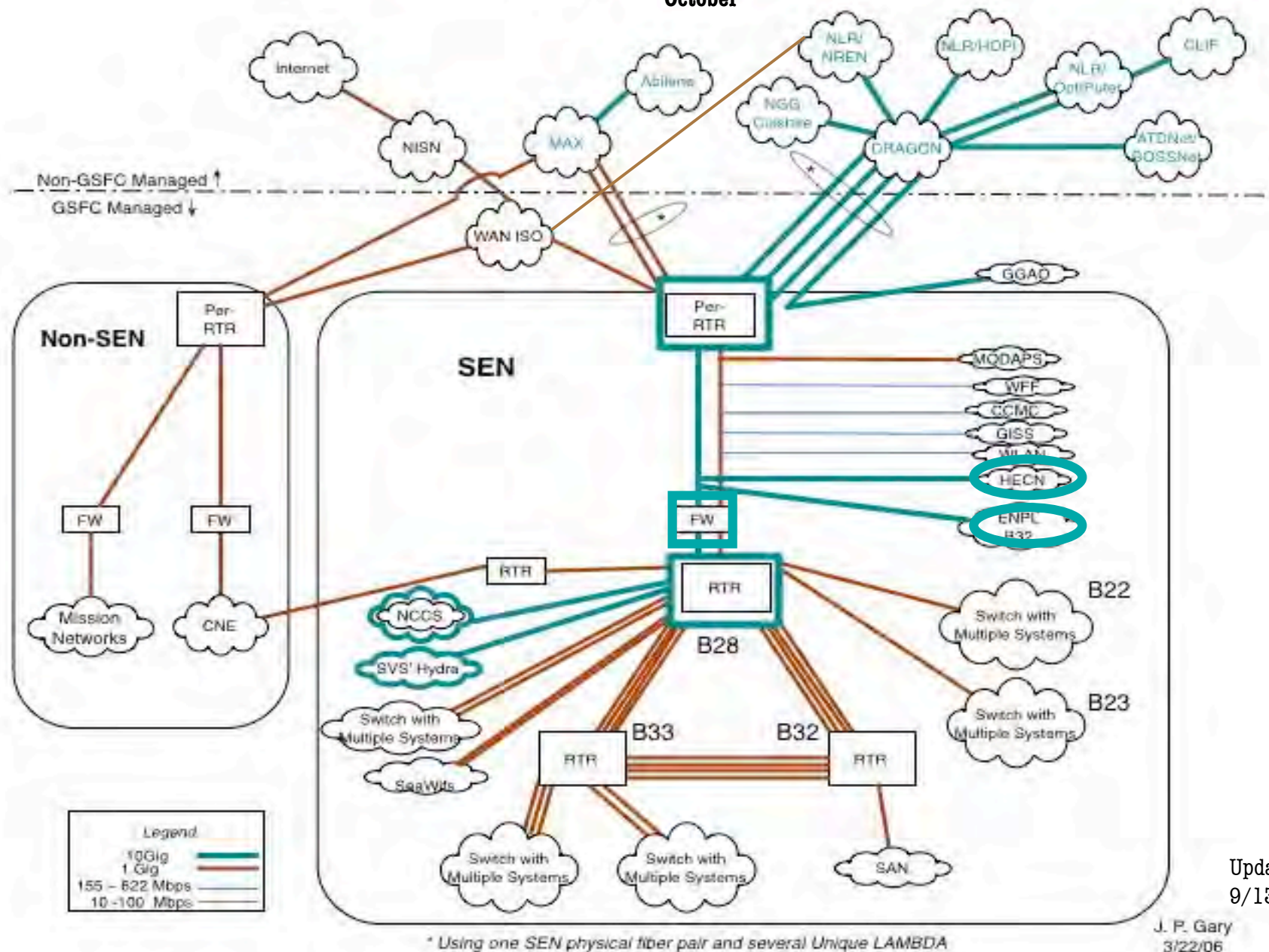
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GSFC Scientific and Engineering Network (SEN) Major Links

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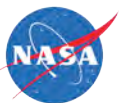
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<http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/SENuserdocs/SENuser.html>

- SEN Overview
- SEN Host Registration Information
- SEN Firewall Information
- Throughput Performance Tuning Information
- Recent SEN Alert/Notices
- Requesting SEN Troubleshooting
- Related Links
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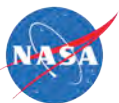
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Throughput Performance Tuning Information

- System Specific Notes for System Administrators (and Privileged Users):
<http://www.psc.edu/networking/projects/tcptune/>
- TCP Tuning Guide: <http://www-didc.lbl.gov/TCP-tuning>
- Phil Dykstra's tutorial: <http://www.wcisd.hpc.mil/%7Ephil/sc2004>
- M. Mathis, et al, "NPAD/pathdiag unleashed", ESCC/Internet2 Joint Techs Workshop, Madison, July, 2006: <http://events.internet2.edu/2006/jt-madison/sessionDetails.cfm?session=2753&event=253>
- SEN Overview, especially pp. 40-41:
<http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/SENuserdocs/SENuser.html#overview>
- P. Gary, et al, "New 10-Gbps Networks Facilitating Grid-related Development Activities," NASA GSFC Grid Workshop, Lanham, MD, June, 2005, especially pp. 26-31:
<http://romulus.gsfc.nasa.gov/msst/gridws/P19%20Gary.pdf>
- L-Net Project website: http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/IRAD_Lambda.html





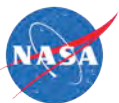
Network Path and Application Diagnosis

(NPAD/Pathdiag)

(<http://www.psc.edu/networking/projects/pathdiag/>)

Recommended NCCS+Columbia User “Script”

- From your host’s web-browser link to above URL and then to any of the NPAD servers identified therein
 - Best if nearest, so for now use: <http://kirana.psc.edu/NPAD/>
- In NPAD server’s data entry box, enter:
 - “88” for Round Trip Time (msec)
 - “5” for Target Rate (Mbps)
 - Also try “50” and “90”
- After testing, email sen-help@sci.gsfc.nasa.gov citing your hostname and which NPAD server you used



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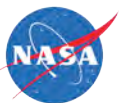
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Some Potentially Applicable “Futures”

“Under Development” Presented at ESCC/Internet2 Joint Techs Workshop, Madison, July, 2006

- S. Shalunov, "VFER: developing a bulk transport tool within Google Summer of Code": <http://events.internet2.edu/2006/jt-madison/sessionDetails.cfm?session=2782&event=253>
- G. Almes et al, "Phoebus: Achieving Dependable Bulk Throughput in a Hybrid Network": <http://events.internet2.edu/2006/jt-madison/sessionDetails.cfm?session=2754&event=253>
- E. Boyd et al, "Performance Update (& perfSONAR)": <http://events.internet2.edu/2006/jt-madison/sessionDetails.cfm?session=2799&event=253>





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GSFC SEN and HECN

SEN+HECN User Help Desk

- SEN user registration
- Firewall waiver requests
- Throughput performance tuning
- Troubleshooting
- SEN Alert/Notices
- Available 24/7 ad hoc
 - sen-help@sci.gsfc.nasa.gov
 - 301-286-2045
- <http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/SENuserdocs/SENUser.html>



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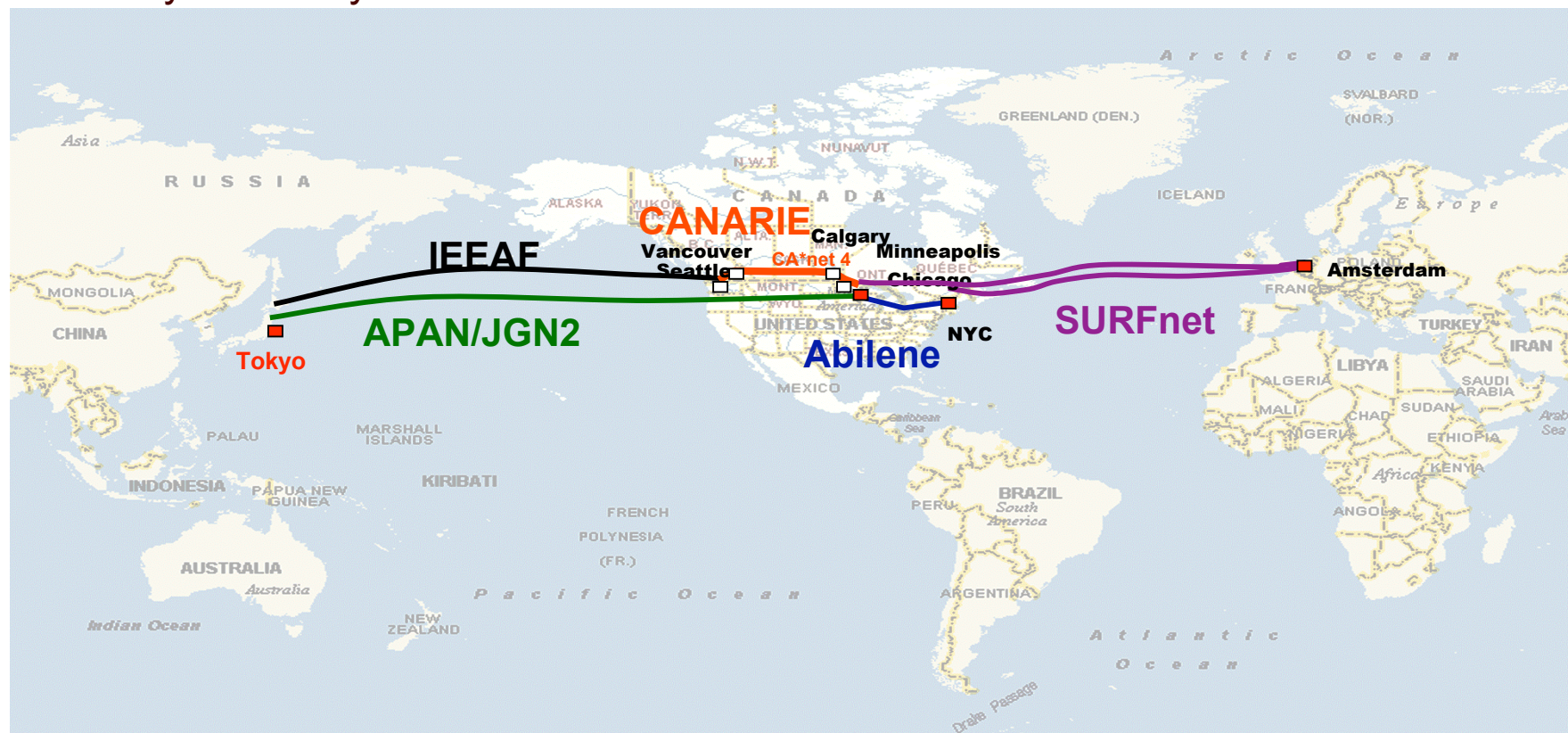
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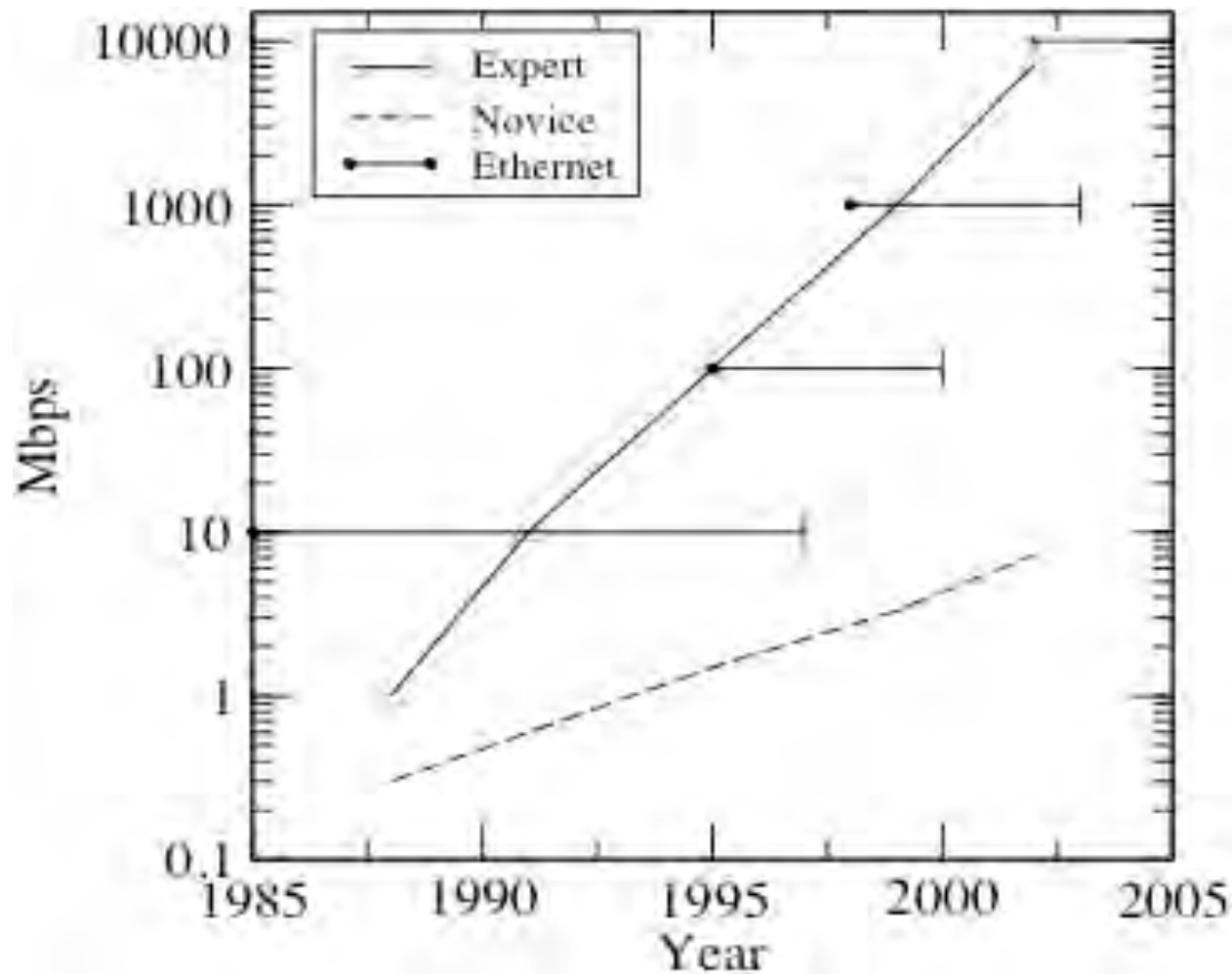
- **7.21 Gbps** (TCP payload), standard frame, 216,300 petabit-meters / second
- 33,979 km connection from Tokyo through Chicago, Amsterdam, New York to Tokyo Latency 499ms RTT



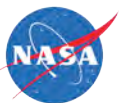
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The Wizard Gap



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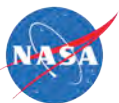




The Wizard Gap Updated

- Experts have topped out end systems & links
 - 10 Gb/s NIC bottleneck
 - 40 Gb/s “link” bandwidth (striped)
- Median I2 bulk rate is 24 Mbit/s
 - 3 M Byte/s
 - See <http://netflow.internet2.edu/weekly/>
- Current Gap is about 1000:1
- Closing the first factor of 10 should now be “easy”

Source: Matt Mathis (PSC)



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NPAD/Pathdiag - Why should you care?

- One click automatic performance diagnosis
 - Designed for (non-expert) end users
 - Accurate end-systems and last mile diagnosis
 - Eliminate most false pass results
 - Accurate distinction between host and path flaws
 - Accurate and specific identification of most flaws
 - Basic networking tutorial info
 - Help the end user understand the problem
 - Help train 1st tier support (sysadmin or netadmin)
 - Backup documentation for support escalation
- Empower the user to get it fixed
 - The same reports for users and admins

Source: Matt Mathis (PSC)



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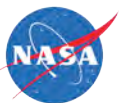
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Recalibrate user expectations

- Long history of very poor network performance
 - Users do not know what to expect
 - Users have become completely numb
- Goal for new baseline user expectations:
 - 1 Gigabyte in less than 2 minutes (~67 Mb/s)
- Everyone should be able to reach these rates by default
- People who can't should know why or be very angry

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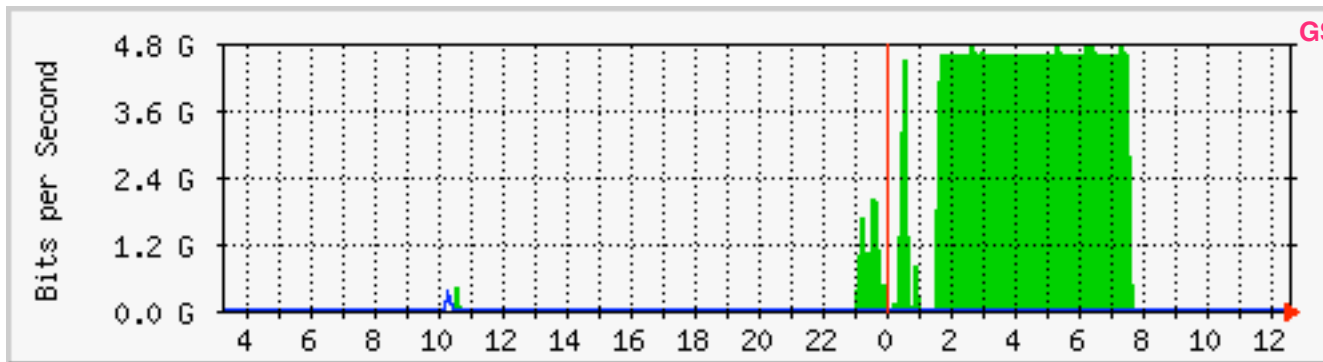


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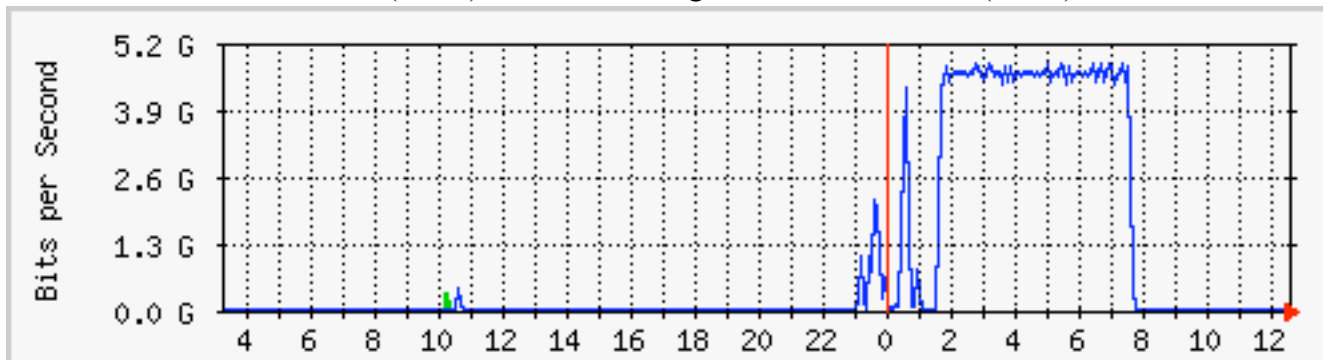


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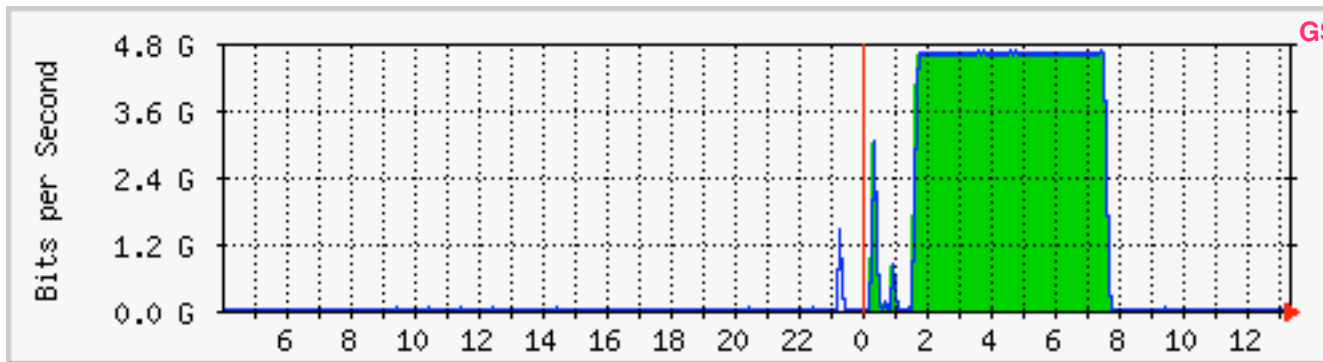
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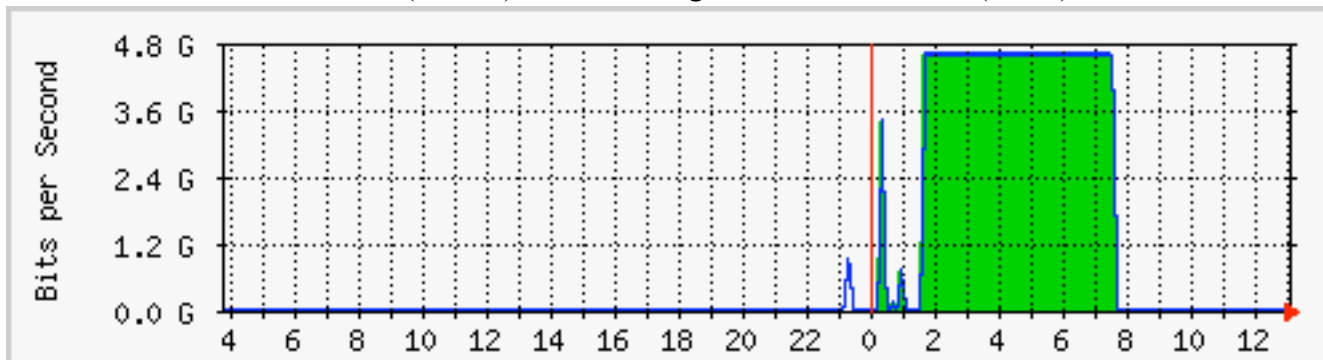
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GSFC-McLean 10 GigE
"Lambda49" across DRAGON
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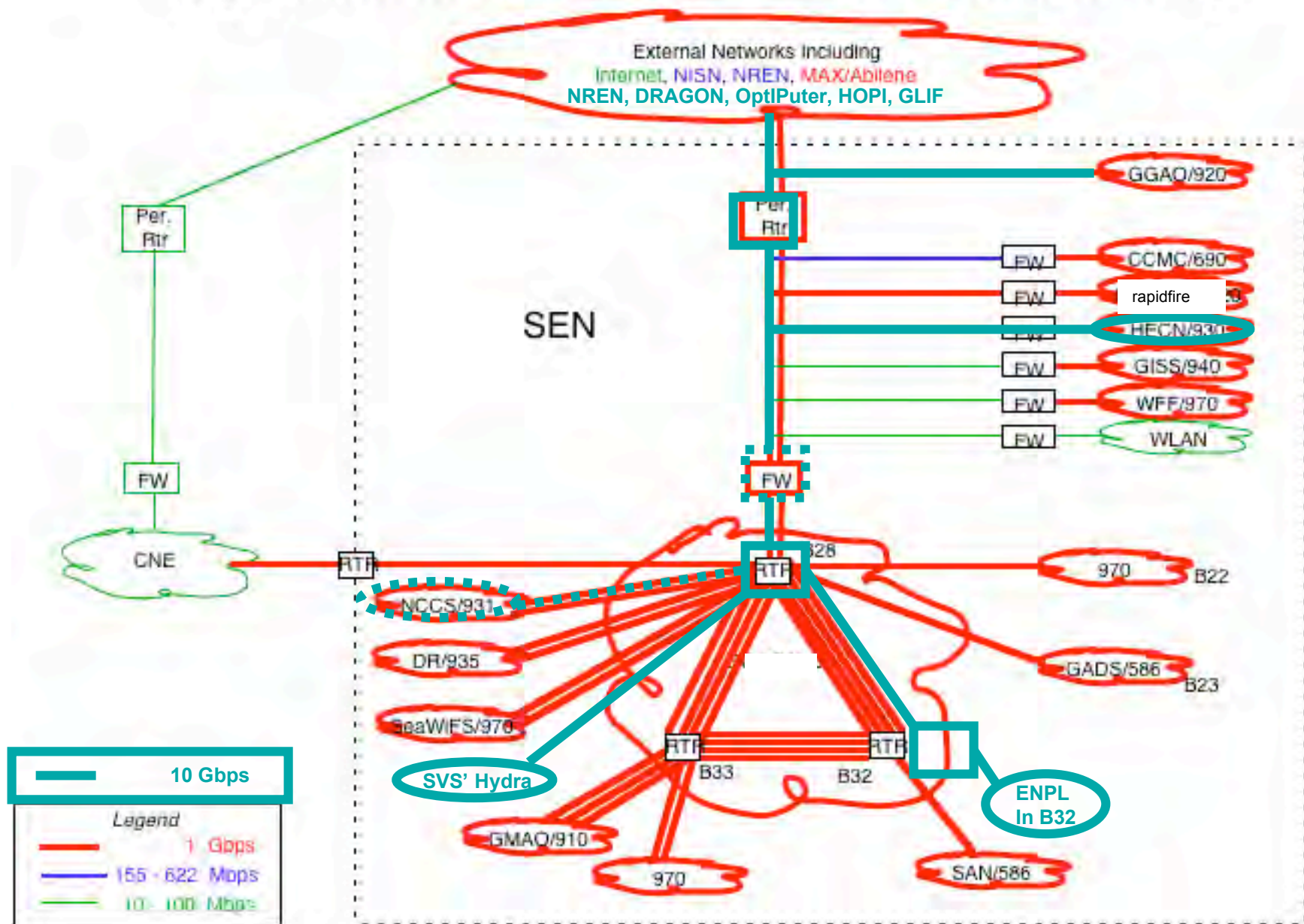
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| Max Out: | 4687.6 Mb/s (46.9%) | Average Out: | 861.4 Mb/s (8.6%) | Current Out: | 96.0 b/s (0.0%) |



Both chance and chance2 via
RAPTOR switch at GSFC 10
GigE
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High Level View of GSFC SEN Links with Major User Organizations (pre GSFC SED Transformation)



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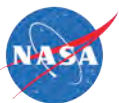


GSFC's Scientific and Engineering Network (SEN) Overview

Some Key Data Flow/Path Restrictions Affecting CNE & SEN

[By GSFC security policy and/or management agreement]

- Only CNE-sourced traffic with SEN-destinations or SEN-sourced traffic with CNE-destinations can flow across the “Only intra-CNE-SEN routing” path between CNE & SEN
- CNE-source traffic can **not** traverse the SEN or its Border Router/FW to other networks; SEN-source traffic can **not** traverse the CNE or its Border Router/FW to other networks
 - Rationale:
 - The security policies/rulesets of the respective Border Routers/FWs intentionally block data flows transiting to/from other networks
 - The respective CNE & SEN Helpdesks are not adequately trained or equipped to support data flows transiting to/from other networks



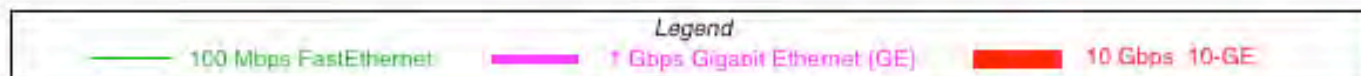
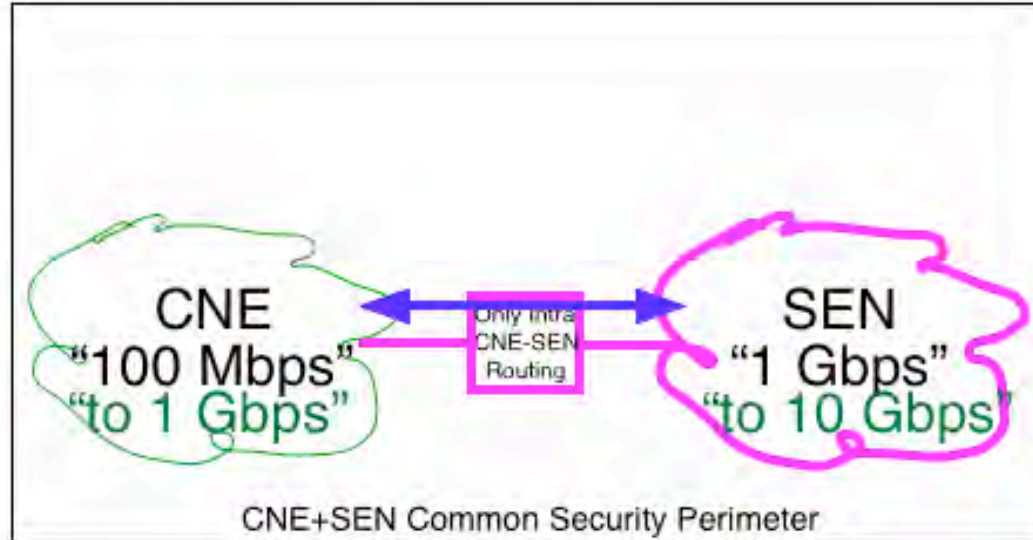
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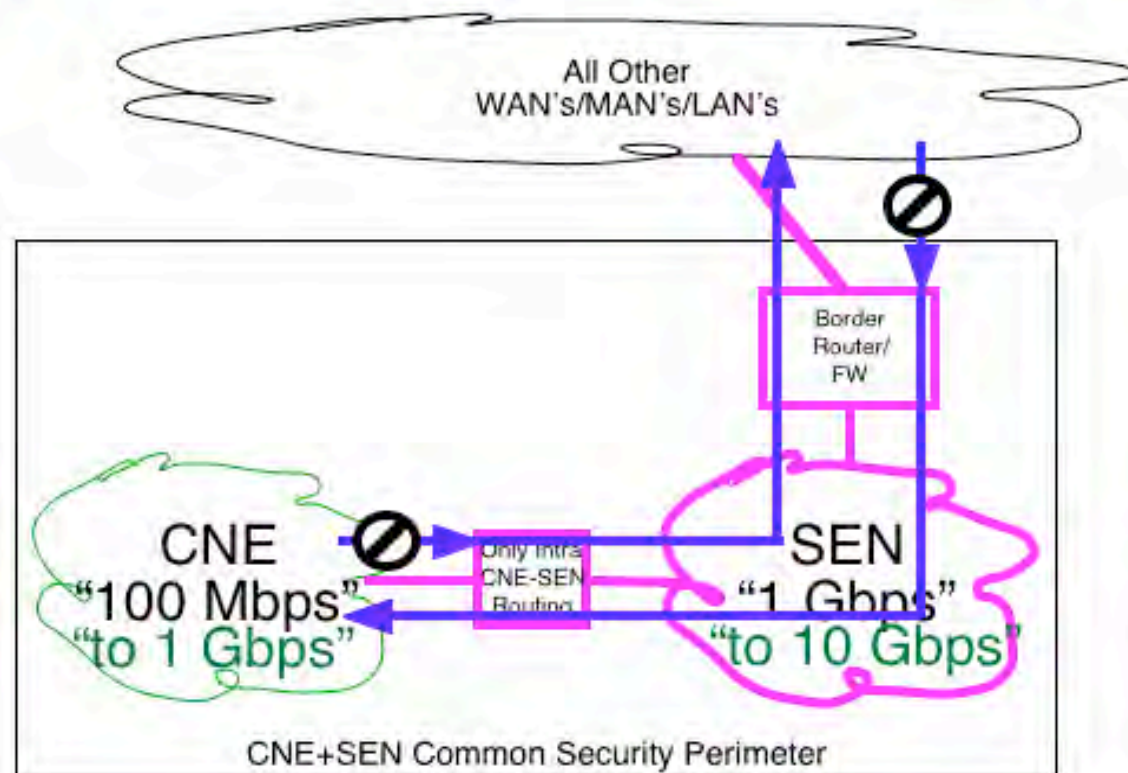
The Only Flows Permitted Across Intra-CNE-SEN Router By GSFC Security Policies and/or Management Agreements



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Examples of Traversal Flows **Not** Permitted By GSFC Security Policies and/or Management Agreements



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GSFC SEN and HECN Local Connectivity/Access

Wired

- Inter-building cable plant
 - 10-Gbps: B28+B32, B28+B201(GGAO)
 - 4-Gbps (via IEEE 802.3ad link aggregation standards): Among B28, B32, B33
 - 1-Gbps: B28+B22, B28+B23
 - 30-45 Mbps: GISS (NYC), WFF
- Intra-building connections with local user desktops/servers/clusters
 - Minimum 1-GE (~280 at Greenbelt, ~200 at GISS, ~125 at WFF)
 - 10-GE (~20 at Greenbelt)



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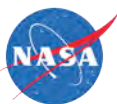
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Wired (continued)

- 9000 byte Ethernet jumbo frames supported throughout entire local infrastructure

WLAN

- 802.11 b & g (~100 for Code 606 and their guests in B28 only)
- Security protections
 - Rules of Behavior signed by users
 - MAC addresses registered and used for authentication
 - NAT to private address space
 - WPA2 encryption
 - SSID not to be broadcast (future, but soon)



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GSFC SEN and HECN Remote Access

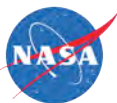
- “Production” WAN’s via separate connections
 - 10-GE with NREN (<http://www.nren.nasa.gov/>)
 - 2-GE with Mid-Atlantic Crossroads (MAX) regional gigapop (<http://www.maxgigapop.net/index.html>) and Internet2’s Abilene network (<http://abilene.internet2.edu/>)
 - 1-GE with GSFC isolan switch for connecting with CNE, GSFC-based mission networks, and NISN
- “R&D” WAN’s via multi-wavelength division multiplexing
 - 2.4- & 10-Gbps with UMCP-led DRAGON regional optical network (<http://dragon.maxgigapop.net/>)
 - 10-Gbps with UCSD-led OptIPuter Project (<http://www.optiputer.net/>) via the National LambdaRail (NLR) (<http://www.nlr.net/>)
 - 10-Gbps with NGC-led BICC lab (<http://www.it.northropgrumman.com/index.html>)





GSFC High End Computer Network (HECN) Project's Research Partners and Collaborators

- **DRAGON Project:** <http://dragon.maxgigapop.net/twiki/bin/view/DRAGON/WebHome>
 - PI: Jerry Sobieski (UMCP)
 - GSFC L-Net on DRAGON network diagram: <http://dragon.maxgigapop.net/twiki/bin/view/DRAGON/Network>
- **e-VLBI Project:** <http://web.haystack.mit.edu/e-vlbi/evlbi.html>
 - PI: Alan Whitney (MIT/Haystack)
 - GSFC L-Net on e-VLBI network diagram: http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/L-Netpdfs/SC04_eVLBI_network.pdf
- **GLIF:** <http://www.glif.is/>
 - Chair: Kees Neggers (SURFnet)
 - GLIF network diagrams: <http://www.glif.is/publications/#maps>
- **NGC IT Sector:** <http://www.it.northropgrumman.com/index.html>
 - PI: Brice Womack (NGC)
 - GSFC L-Net on NGC IT Sector Colshire network diagram: http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/L-Netpdfs/DRAGON_NGC_030606.pdf
- **NLR:** <http://www.nlr.net/>
 - CEO: Tom West (NLR)
 - NLR network diagram: <http://www.nlr.net/infrastructure/>
- **NREN Project:** <http://www.nren.nasa.gov/>
 - PM: Ken Freeman (ARC)
 - GSFC L-Net/SEN on NREN network diagram: http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/L-Netpdfs/CENIC2006_13_mfoster_excerpts.pdf
- **OptIPuter Project:** <http://www.optiputer.net/>
 - PI: Larry Smarr (UCSD)
 - GSFC L-Net on OptIPuter network diagram: <http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/L-Netpdfs/SMARR-OptIPuter-AHM-gold.pdf>
- **TeraFlow Testbed Project:** <http://www.teraflowtestbed.net/>
 - PI: Robert Grossman (UIC)
 - GSFC L-Net on TeraFlow Testbed network diagram: <http://www.ncdm.uic.edu/maps/index.jpeg>



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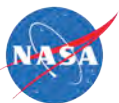
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GSFC's Various Uses of DRAGON -- A Very Brief Overview --

Previous and/or On-Going Applications

- eVLBI (w/MIT-Haystack, ...)
- OptIPuter & Multi-channel Collaboration/Video Streaming Technologies(w/UCSD & UIC)
- 3D HDTV-over-IP R&D (w/Physical Optics Corporation)
- Distributed ESMF R&D
- SAN-over-IP (w/UMIACS & NGC)
- Using ARC/NAS/Columbia Supercomputer (w/NREN)



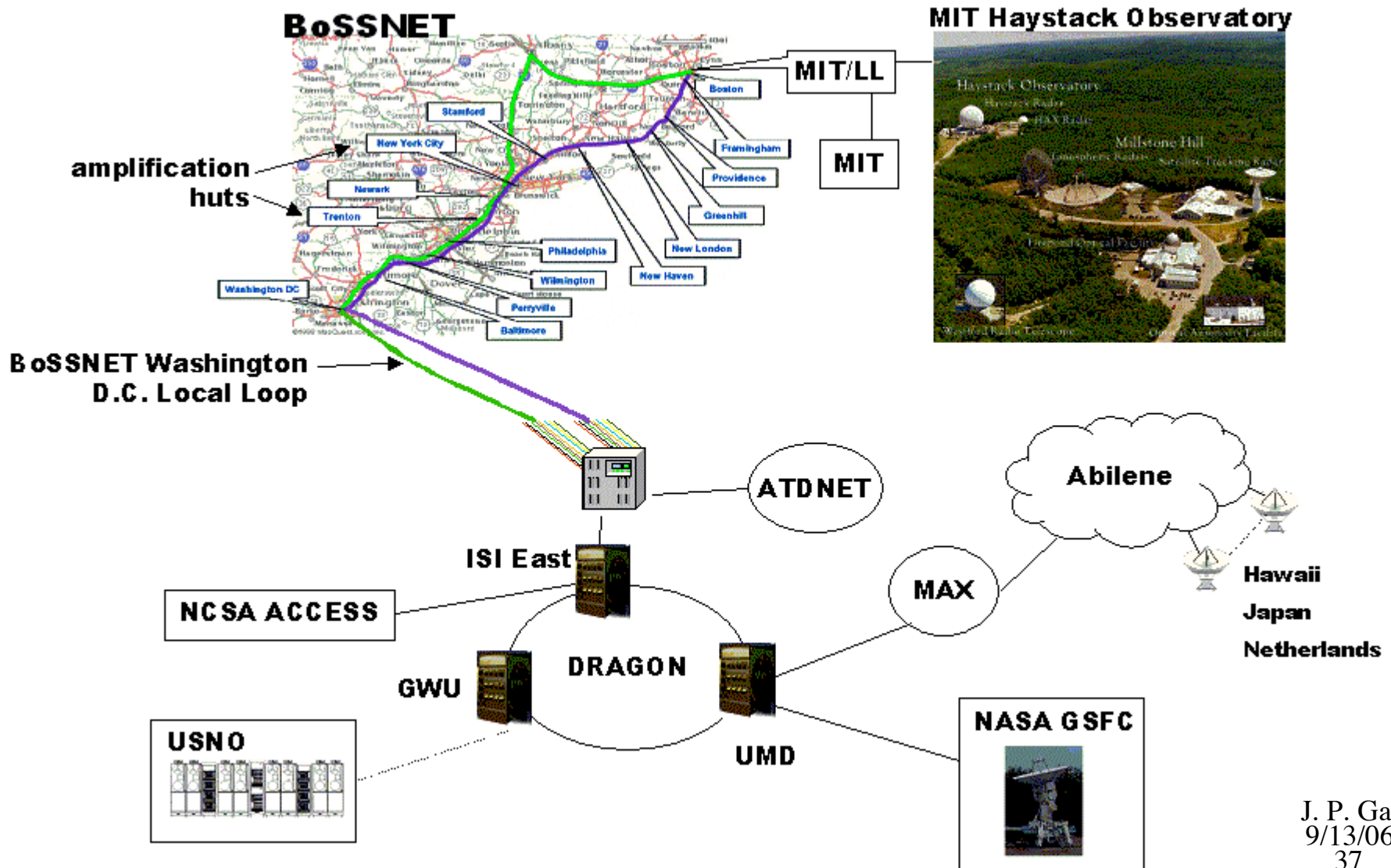
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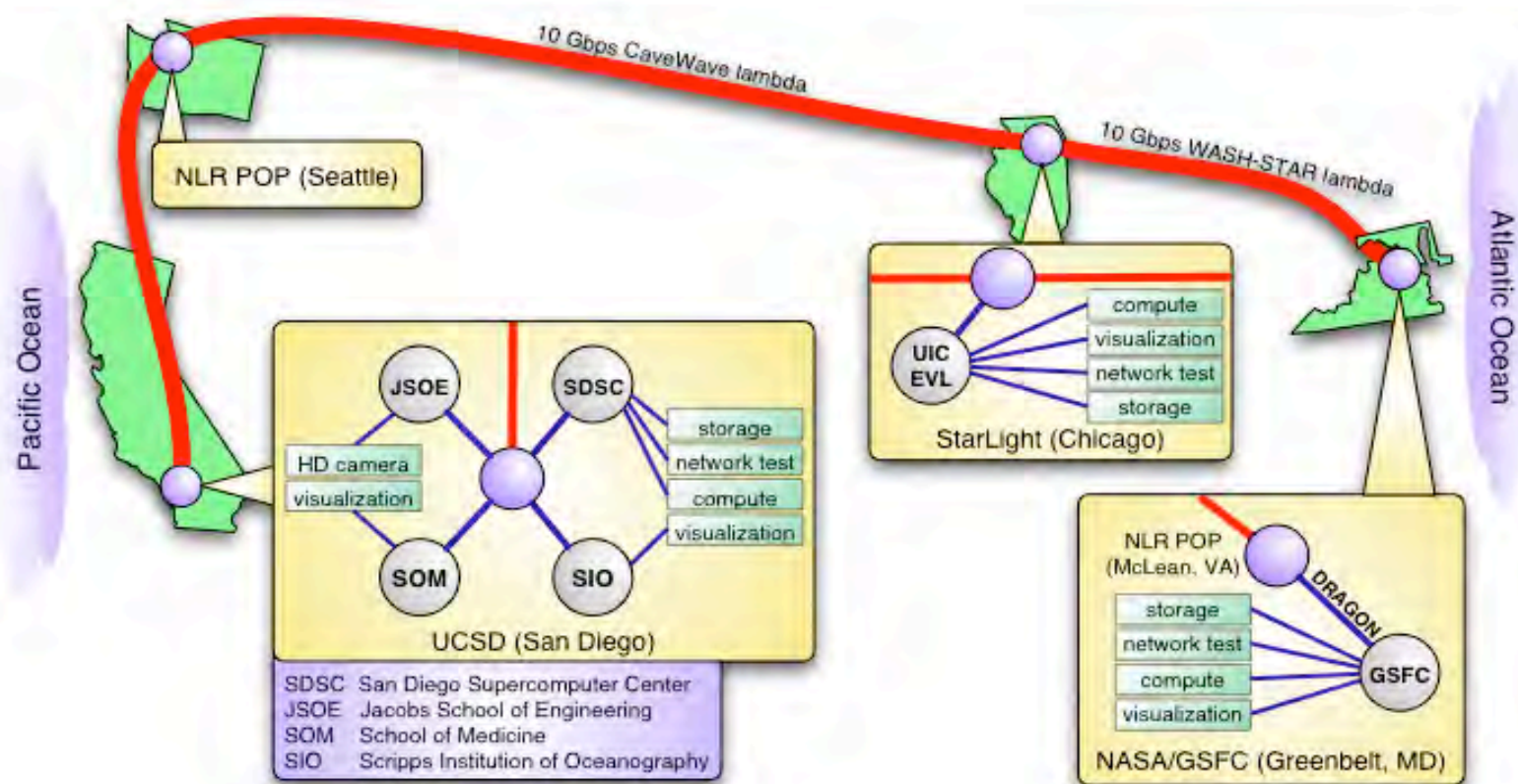
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DRAGON eVLBI Experiment Configuration



NASA GSFC Tests with OptIPuter Across the National LambdaRail



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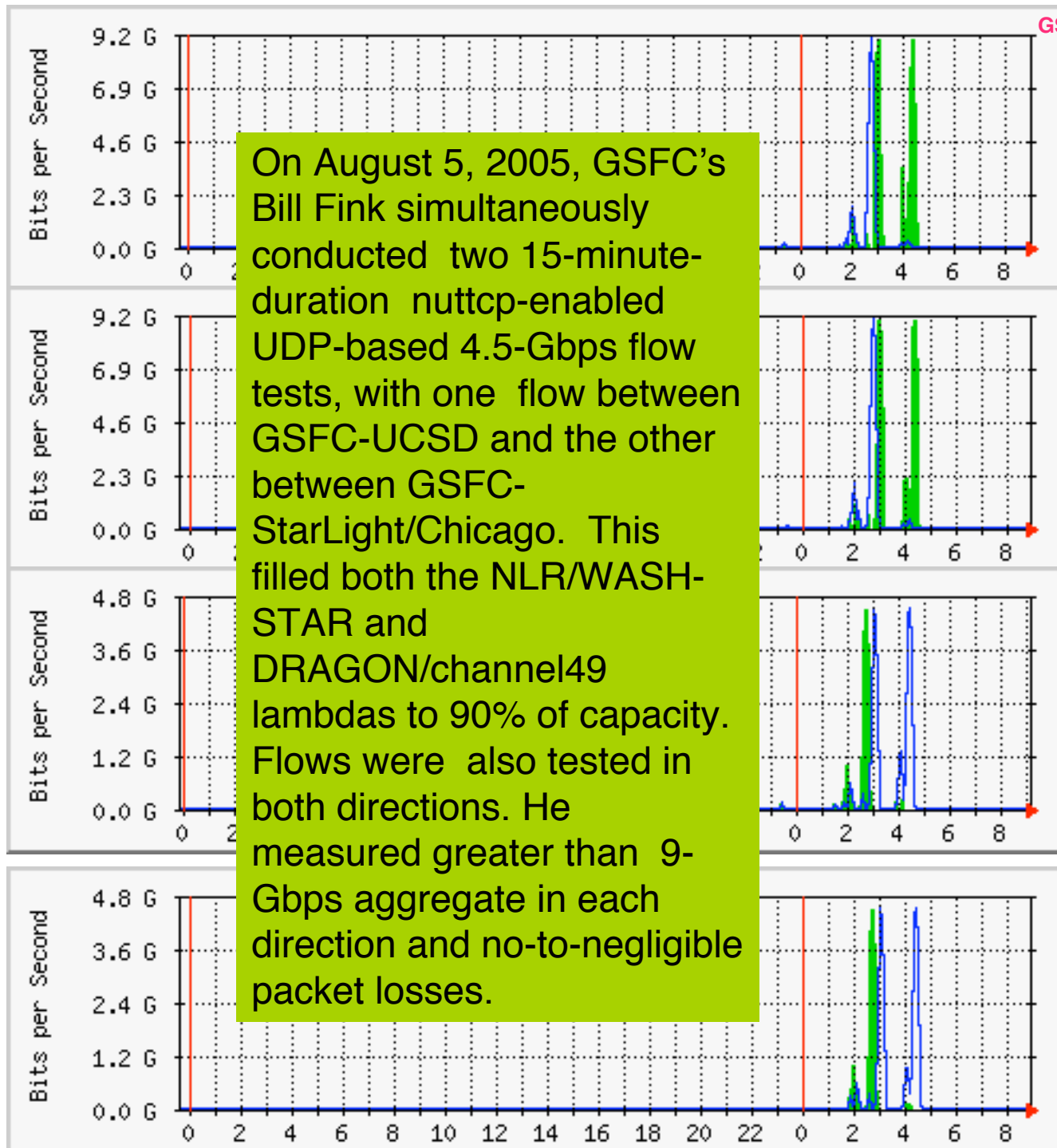


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GSFC Scientific and Engineering Network (SEN)
Mrtg-based 'Daily' Graph (5 Minute Average)
Bits per second In and Out
On Selected Interfaces

10 GigE from McLean to
Chicago via OptIPuter Lambda
5 August 2005

DRAGON 10Gig DWDM XFP
5 August 2005

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Pro/10GbE)
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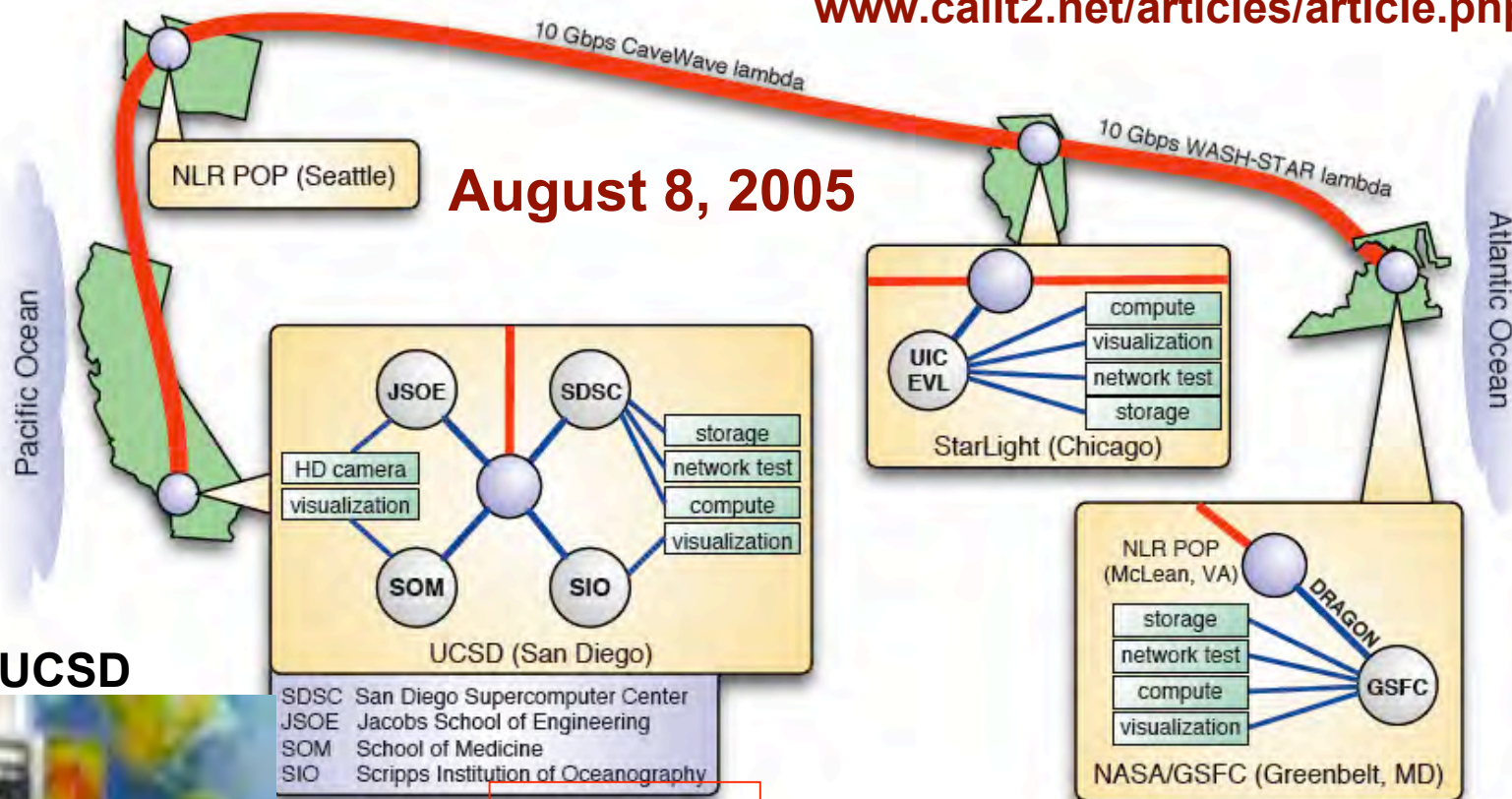
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Combining Telepresence with Remote Interactive Analysis of Data Over NLR

www.calit2.net/articles/article.php?id=660

August 8, 2005



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**OptIPuter
Visualized
Data**

**HDTV Over
Lambda**



**NASA
Goddard**



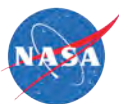
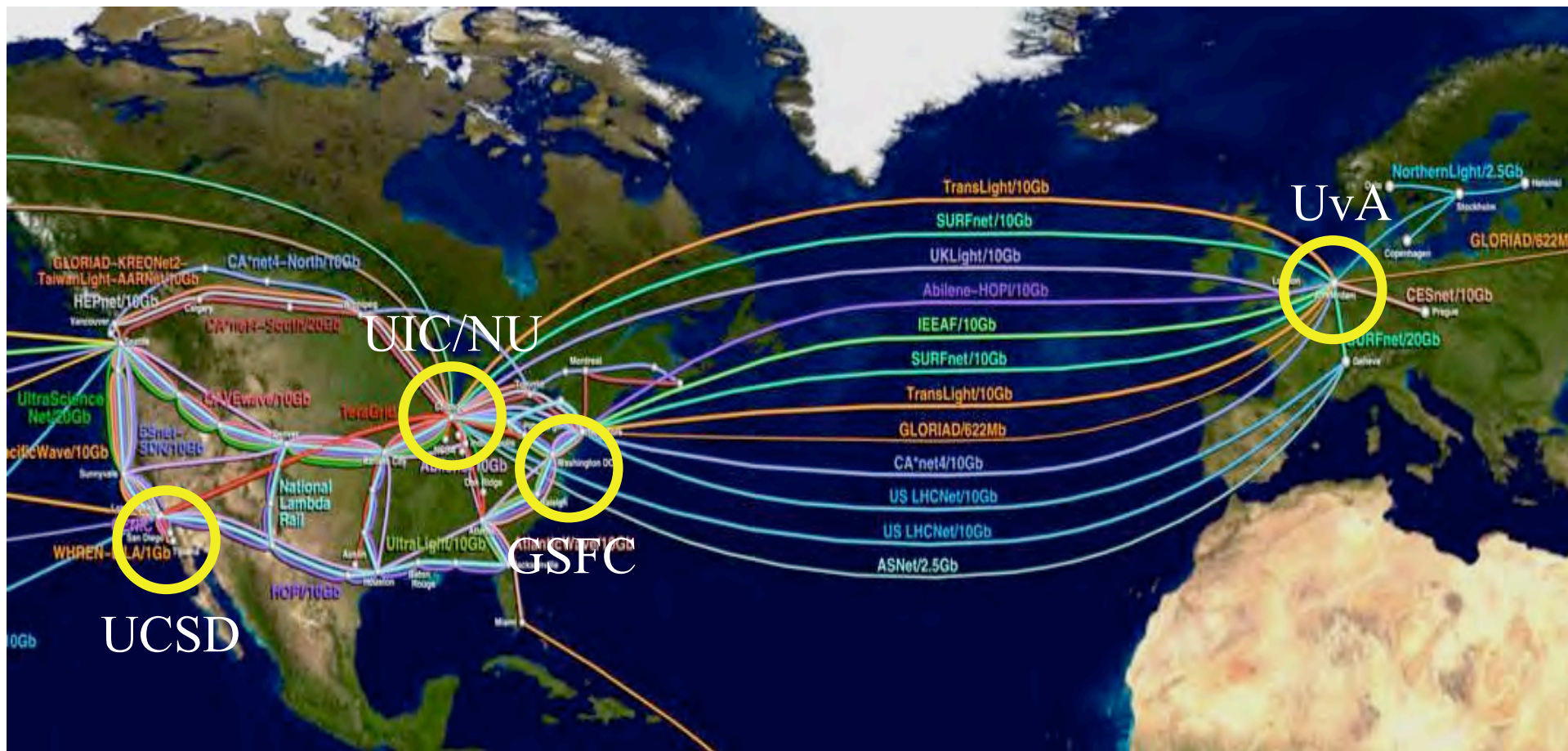
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Gold Standard OptIPuter Initial Sites Persistent 10G Services with SAGE End Appliances



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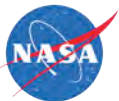
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OptIPuter: Empowering Global Data Intensive Services for Science

- Observations
 - The OptIPuter Project Has Moved Beyond “Proof of Concept”
 - Although the OptIPuter is a Technical Achievement, the Research Group Defines Success by Application Achievements
- Goals
 - Provide Persistent, Reliable Unique Services for Data Intensive Sciences and Applications
 - Design, Develop and Deploy Gold Standard OptIPuter Implementation, Which Will Provide Those Services
 - The “Gold Standard” OptIPuter Will Comprise a Distributed Contiguous, Foundation Facility
 - Key Focal Services – e.g., SAGE Distributed via Rocks
 - UltraHD Personal Collaborative Communications Directly Integrated With Extremely Large-Scale, Real-Time, Data Streaming
 - Flexible, Scalable OptIPuter Environments



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iGrid 2005 Workshop, 26-29Sep05, UCSD/CalIT2

Accelerating the Use of Multi-10Gigabit per Second International and National Networks: www.igrid2005.org



GSFC's Ben Kobler (left) and POC's Sookwang Ro and Kirill Kolesnikov (right) work to set up POC's 35" x 35" holographic 3D HDTV video display system (center) prior to the start of iGrid 2005.

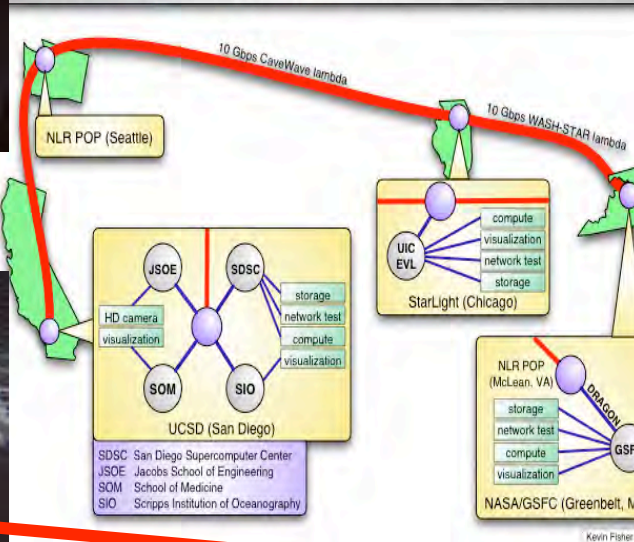


Only a non-stereo image of the True-3D display is captured in this photo of the real-time stereo-HDTV images transmitted from GSFC.

US130: Real-Time True-3D/HDTV (No Goggles) Visualization Over the National LambdaRail

NASA and Physical Optics Corporation demonstrate a holographic 3D HDTV video display system that does not require goggles or other special head gear, using a live cross-country video feed from NASA Goddard Space Flight Center to the iGrid 2005 site in San Diego. POC is a NASA SBIR Phase 1 awardee, and worked with NASA GSFC on this project.

www.poc.com/emerging_products/3d_display/default.asp



3D HDTV Over Lambda



Stereoscopically-aligned Sony HDV 1080i HDR-FX1HDTV cameras and the viewed targets at GSFC.



Cross-Organization Coupling of Climate Models through ESMF

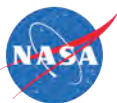
(A Prototype Over High-Speed Networks)

**Shujia Zhou (Lead), C. Cruz, R. Burns, B. Womack, G. Higgins NASA
SIVO/Northrop Grumman TASC**

Collaborators:

- High-speed network: P. Gary, B. Fink, P. Lang (NASA GSFC/ADNET)
- Cluster system admin: K. Fisher (NASA GSFC)
- XCAT/Proteus: M. Govindaraju, K. Chiu, M. Head (SUNY, Binghamton)
- Models: J. Spahr, C. Mechoso (UCLA), C. Hill (MIT), P. Jones (LANL)

Presented at NASA Exhibit (booth 1810) at SC|05, November 14-18, 2005



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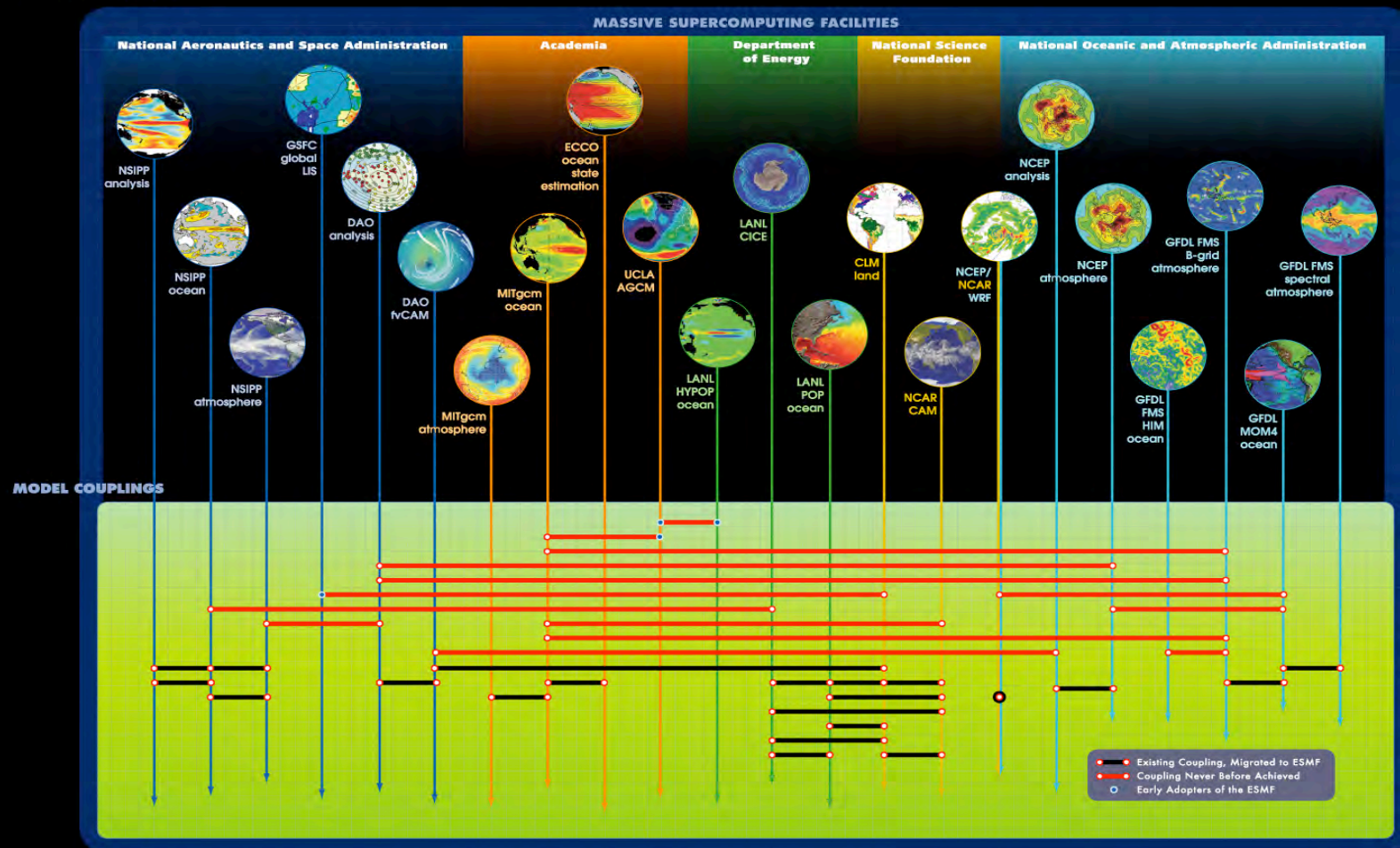
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ESMF

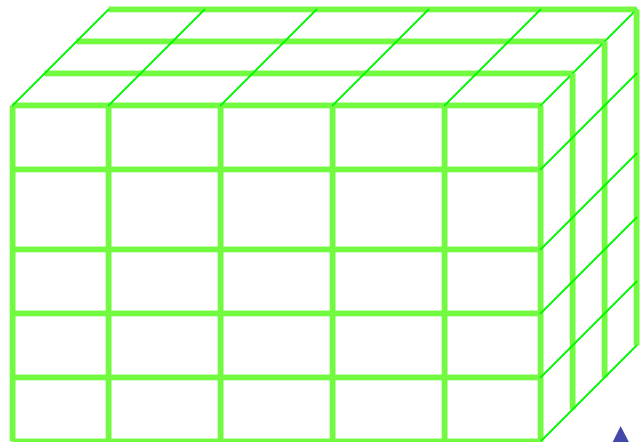
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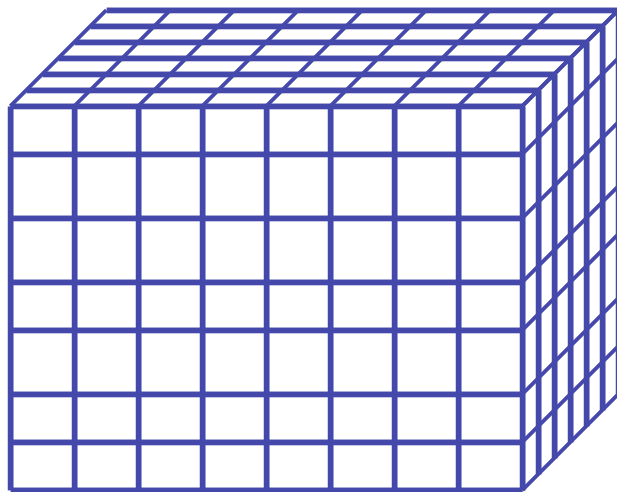




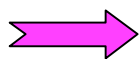
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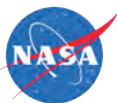
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Ocean



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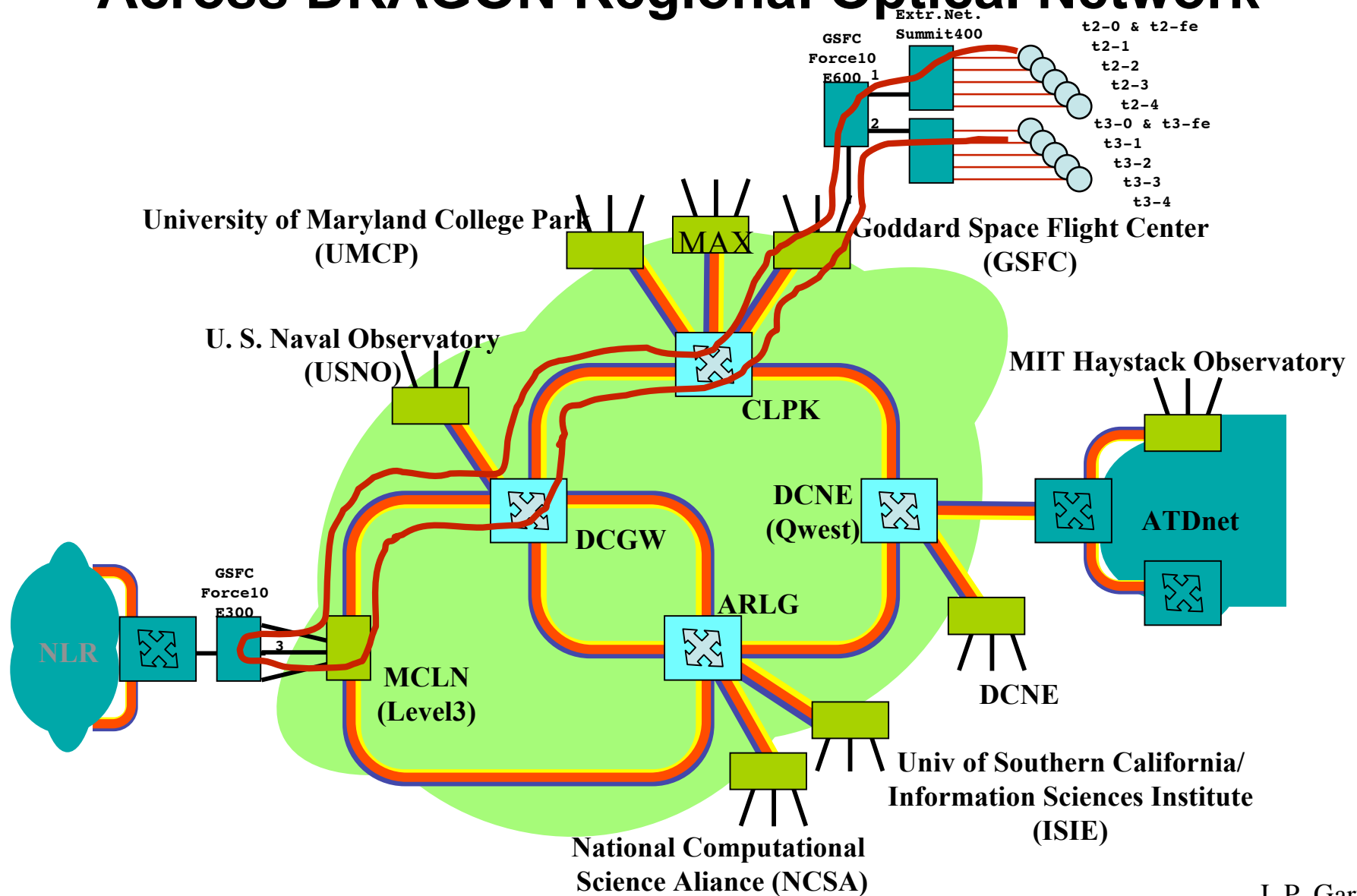
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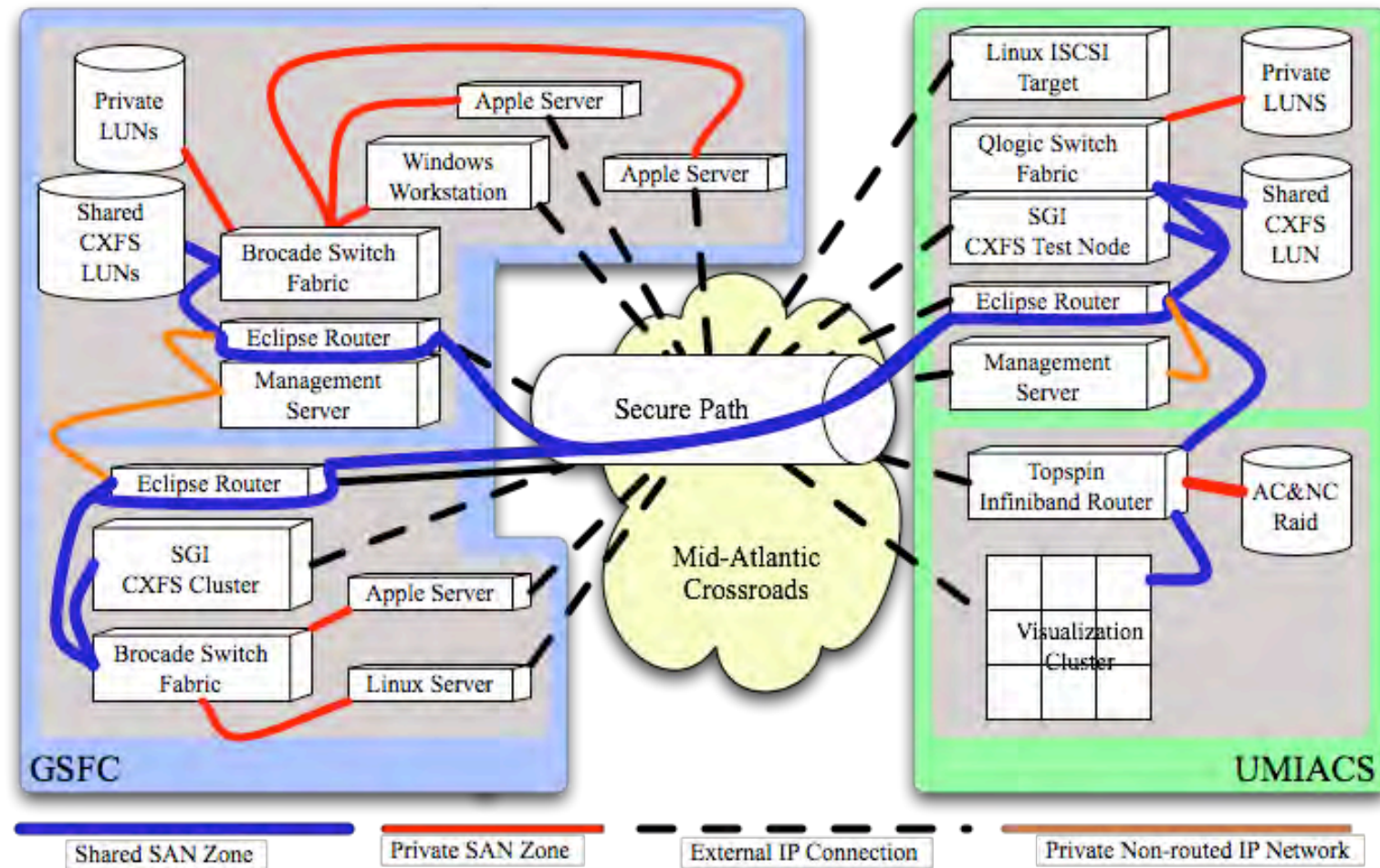
Thunder2-Thunder3 Looped Data Flows Across DRAGON Regional Optical Network



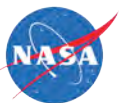


Current SAN-over-IP Test-bed

GSFC-UMIACS IP SAN Test Bed



Source: Fritz McCall (UMIACS)



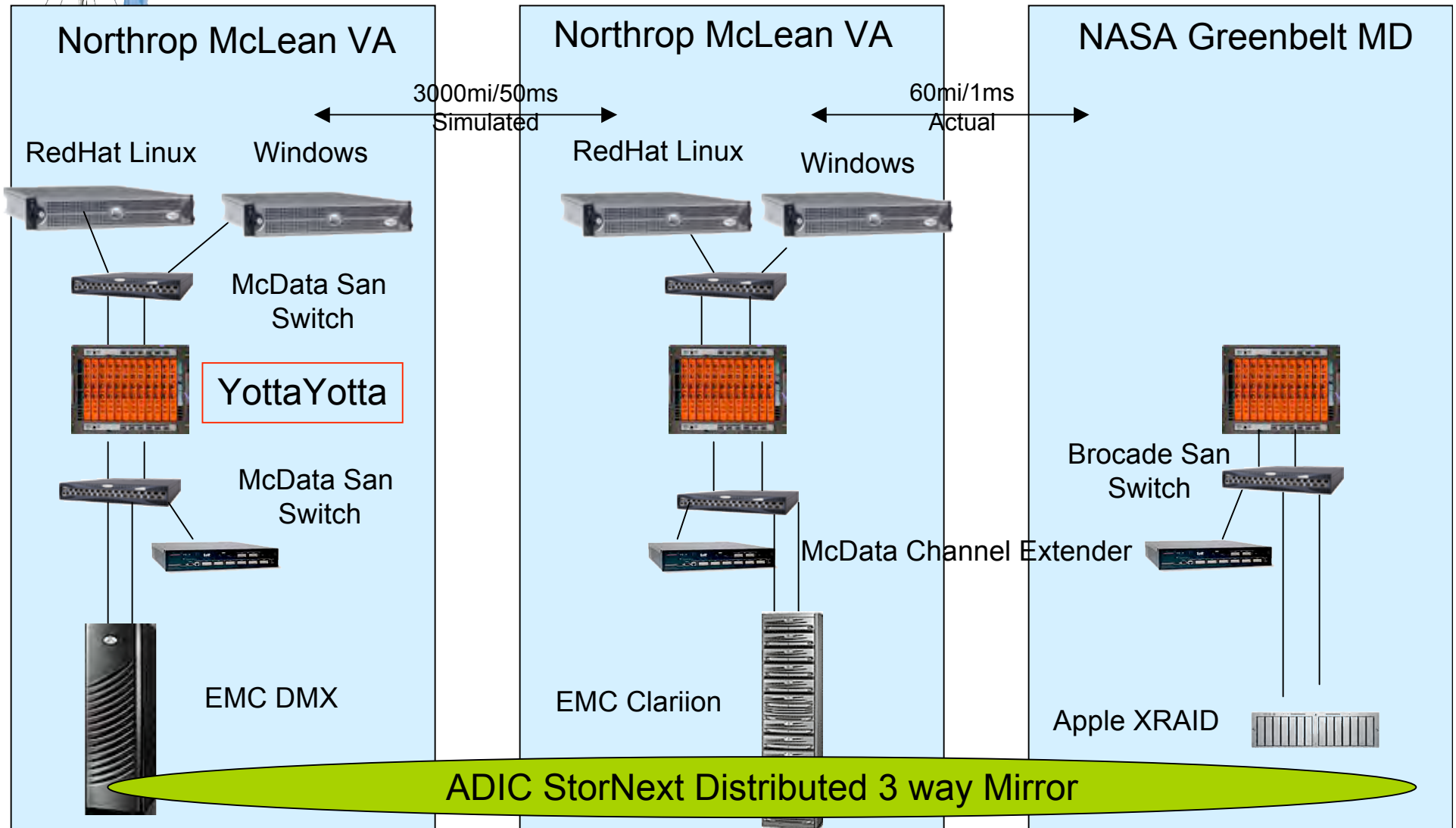
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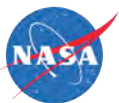
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Wide Area Storage Configuration



Source: Bob Bramow (YottaYotta)



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Columbia Supercomputer

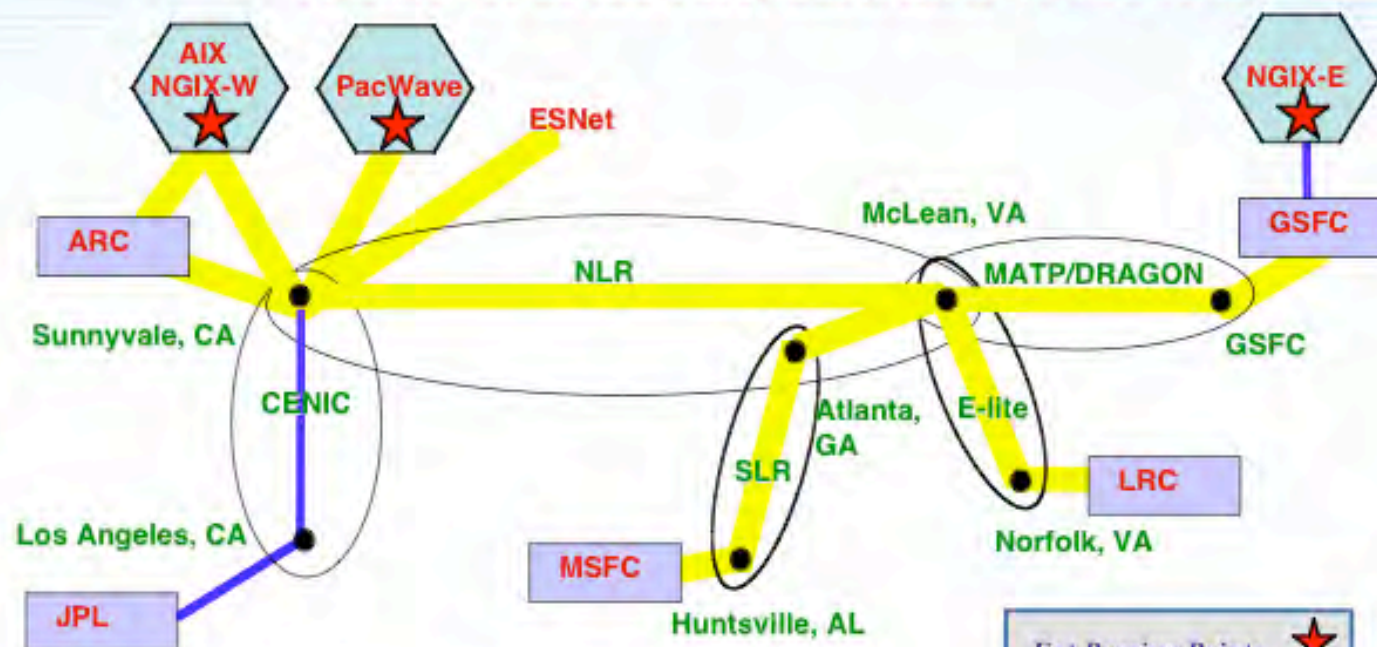
- 10,240 1.6 GHz CPUs
- Configured as twenty 512 CPU single-system image nodes via NUMA
- SGI Altix 3700 Architecture, runs Linux
- 1 Terabyte shared memory per node
- Over 500 terabytes of online disk space



WAN Infrastructure: NREN

Target CY06

10G waves at the core, dark fiber to end sites



- National and Regional optical networks provide links over which 10 Gbps and 1 Gbps waves can be established.
- Distributed exchange points provide interconnect in metro and regional areas to other networks and research facilities



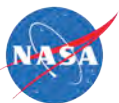


GSFC's Various Uses of DRAGON

-- A Very Brief Overview --

Previous and/or On-Going Applications

- Multi-channel Collaboration/Video Streaming Technologies
 - Scalable Adaptive Graphics Environment ([SAGE](http://www.evl.uic.edu/cavern/sage))
(<http://www.evl.uic.edu/cavern/sage>)
 - HDTV-over-IP
 - Demonstrations of 21st Century National-Scale Team Science
(<http://www.calit2.net/newsroom/release.php?id=660>)
- 3D HDTV-over-IP
 - 3D Multichannel Networked System via NASA SBIR FY06 Phase2 awardee Physical Optics Corporation
 - Live 3D HDTV multi-Gbps real-time data streaming from GSFC to holographic display at iGrid2005 as the US130/Real-Time_True-3D_Visualization exhibitor
(http://www.igrid2005.org/program/applications/vizservices_3dviz.html)





GSFC's Various Uses of DRAGON -- A Very Brief Overview --

Previous and/or On-Going Applications

- Enabling e-VLBI real-time data flows from GGAO to MIT/Haystack (<http://web.haystack.mit.edu/e-vlbi/evlbi.html>)
- Prototyping of Earth System Modeling Framework (ESMF)-based cross-organization coupling of climate models over a high speed network (http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/L-Netpdfs/sc05_esmf_demo_v5.pdf)
- Evaluating SAN-over-IP and distributed shared file system applicability to enhancing science data flows
 - NCCS' participation in the Data Intensive Computing Environment (DICE) Project (<http://www.avetec.org/dice>)
 - NCCS data portal environment
 - McCall et al, "A framework for Managing Inter-site Storage Area Networks using Grid Technologies" (<http://romulus.gsfc.nasa.gov/msst/conf2006/Papers/2006-025-McCall.pdf>)





GSFC's Various Uses of DRAGON -- A Very Brief Overview --

Upcoming and/or Future Applications

- MAP'06 (w/NGC)
- Phoebus (w/Internet2, UDel & GSFC/ENPL)
- SOA+Brokering for ECHO (w/SIO, JPL & UAH)
- Dynamic Linking (w/ORNL, CUNY)
- Grid Computing (w/TBD: SURAGrid, UMBC, ...)



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NCEP
Inputs (1 GB)

2006 Hurricane Season - Global Modeling



INTEL Corp
Portland, Oregon



NASA Ames
Mt. View, California



Northrop Grumman
McLean, Virginia



NASA Goddard
Greenbelt, Maryland

**DISTRIBUTED
COMPUTING
NODES**

**NEXT-GEN
NETWORKS**

Conventional Network
(600 Mb/s)

National Lambda Rail (10 - 40 Gb/s)

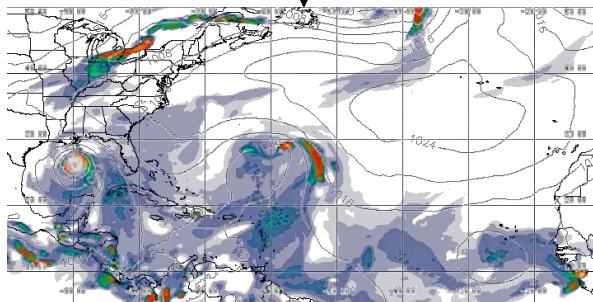
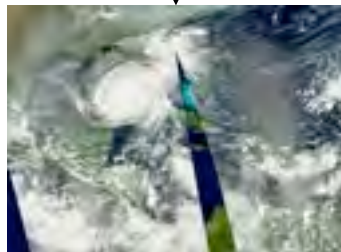
All model
Outputs
(500 GB per
execution,
~15TB for
entire season)

Tape Backup
NASA Goddard
Greenbelt, Maryland



Main Server
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**DATA
SERVERS /
LONG TERM
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**WEB
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VISUALIZATIONS**

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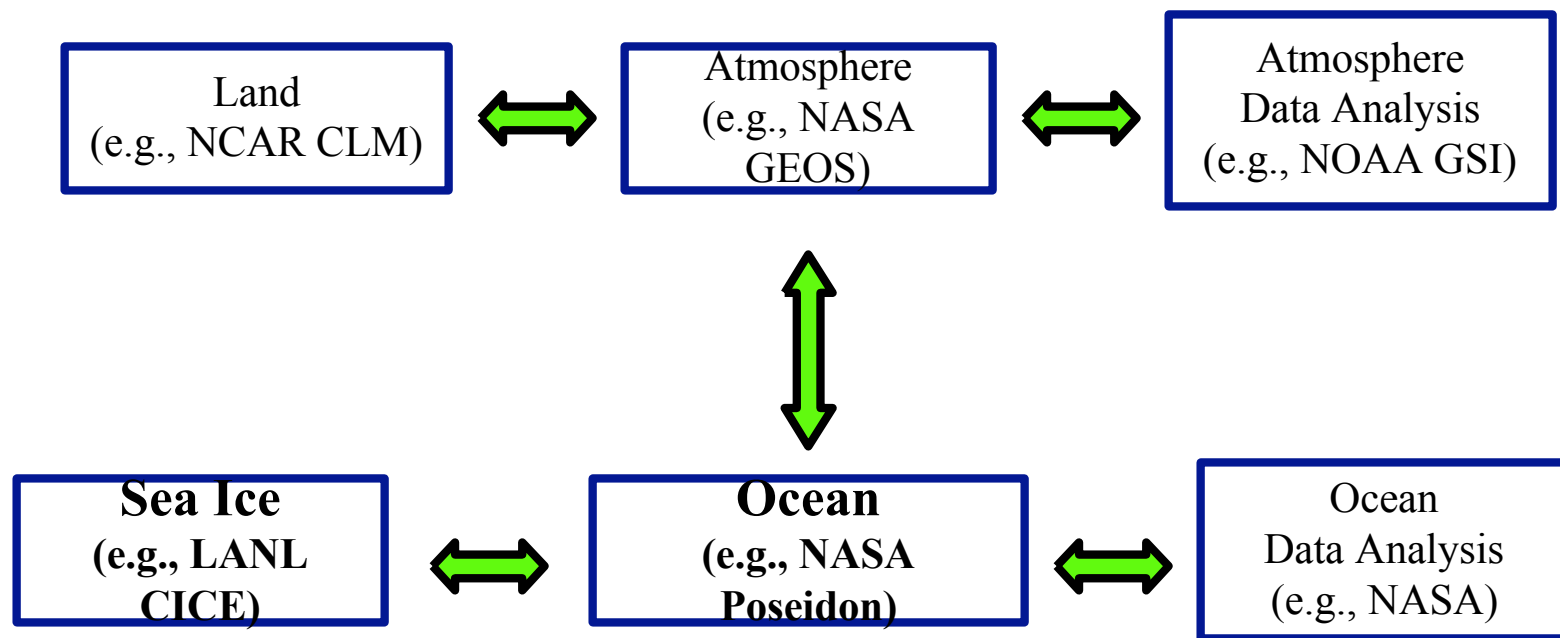
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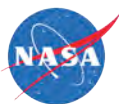


ESMF-Enabled Coupled Models



 ESMF Coupler

 ESMF Component



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Example: Couple Different Ocean Models to NASA GEOS5

Source: Mike Seablom (GSFC/610.3)

DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING NODES



NASA Ames
Mt. View, California



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NEXT-GENERATION NETWORKS

National Lambda Rail (10 - 40 Gb/s)

NCCS/NAS
MODEL
OUTPUT
PORTALS

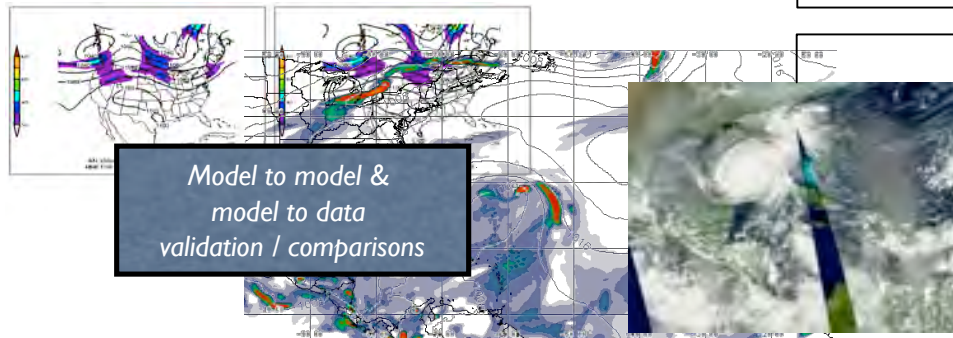


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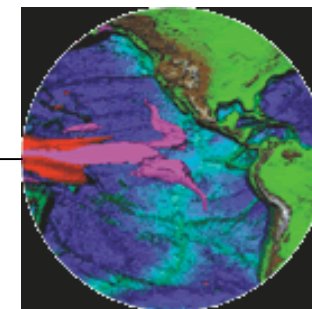
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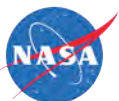
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EXTERNAL COLLABORATORS



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MODEL OUTPUT
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Phoebus

Date: Tue, 1 Aug 2006 16:38:41 -0400

To: almes@internet2.edu

From: Pat Gary <Pat.Gary@nasa.gov>

Subject: Follow-up to Pat Gary(GSFC)'s interest in Phoebus

Guy,

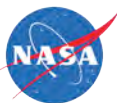
In follow-up to my interest in Phoebus that I expressed to you during the 17Jul06 Jt Tech Wksp, please asap reply to the following.

1. Could we work with your Phoebus team to soon arrange another Phoebus test between your test host at ColumbiaU and a test host we'd provide at GSFC in Greenbelt, MD, where the Phoebus/HOPI ingress/egress POP's would be NYC and DC (actually McLean, to which we connect via DRAGON)?

(Note: GSFC via its GISS (<http://www.giss.nasa.gov/>) has both an organizational and physical presence on ColumbiaU's campus. Hence a good Phoebus/HOPI test between NYC and DC could have potential "real world" value to us.)

...

As I mentioned to you during the 17Jul06 Jt Tech Wksp, my longer-term application for Phoebus is between GSFC and the Columbia supercomputer at ARC (as partly described in <http://www.internet2.edu/presentations/jt2006jul/20060718-columbiascc-jones.pdf>) via either HOPI LA-DC initially or NREN Sunnyvale-DC once you allow us to copy Phoebus....



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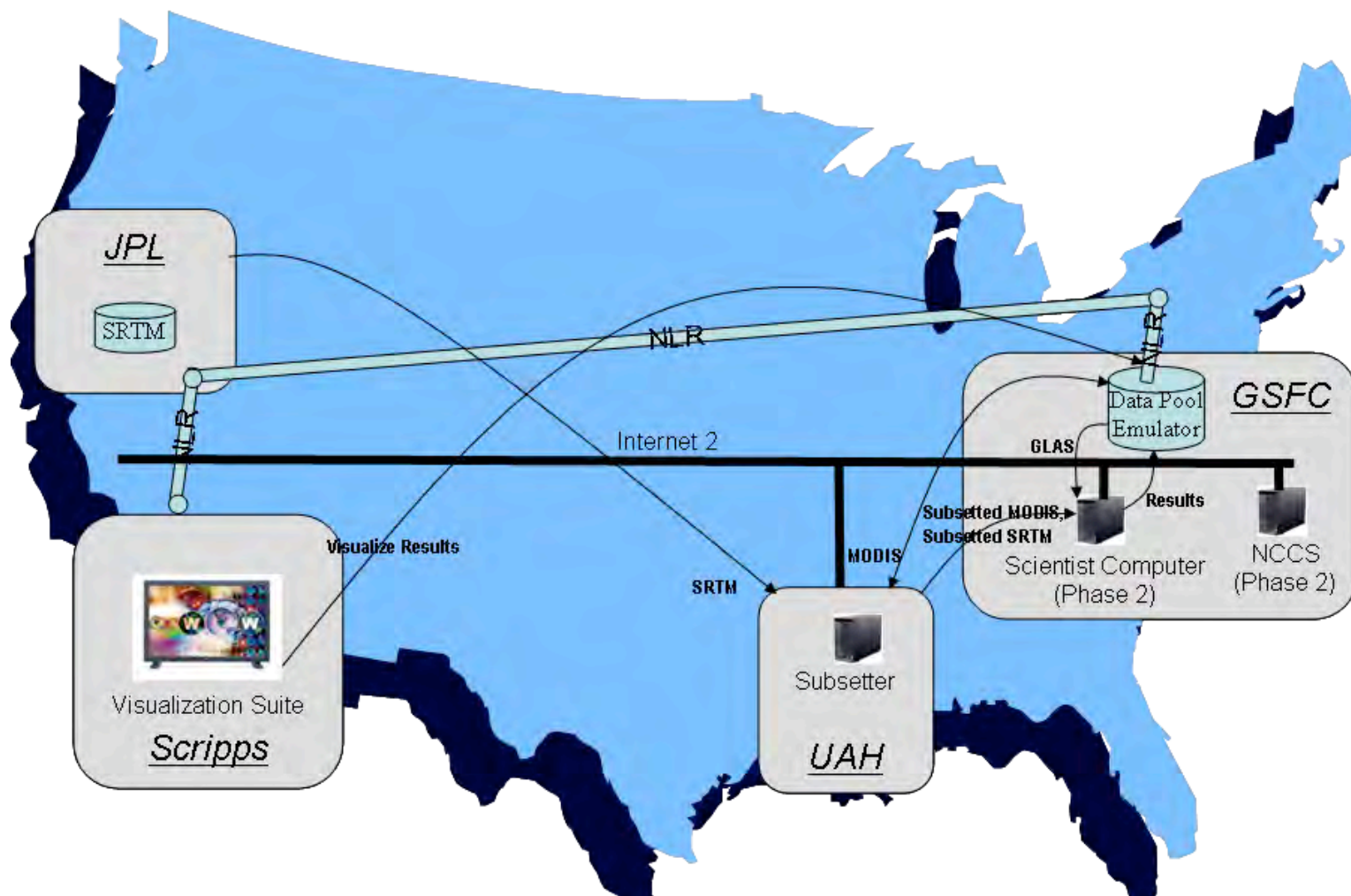
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"Brokering and Chaining Distributed Services and Data Using OptIPuter and the National Lambda Rail" by Ramapriyan (GSFC) et al to NASA's ROSES NRA



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“Enabling NASA Applications Across Heterogeneous High Performance Networks” by Habib (CUNY) et al to NASA NNH05ZDA001N-Applied Information Systems Research (a.k.a. ROSES:D3)

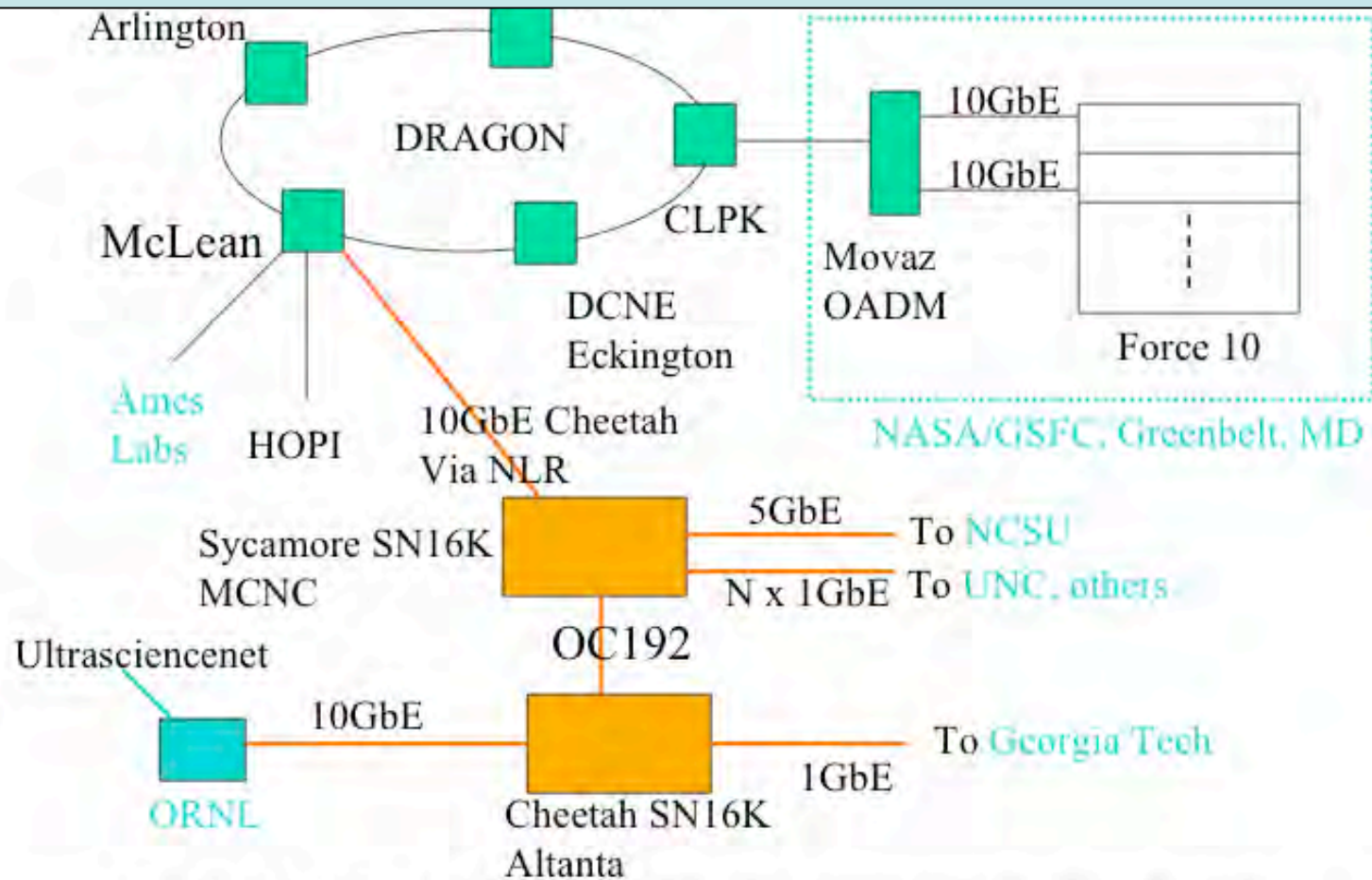


Fig. 1: Overall Proposed Network Connectivity to Cheetah



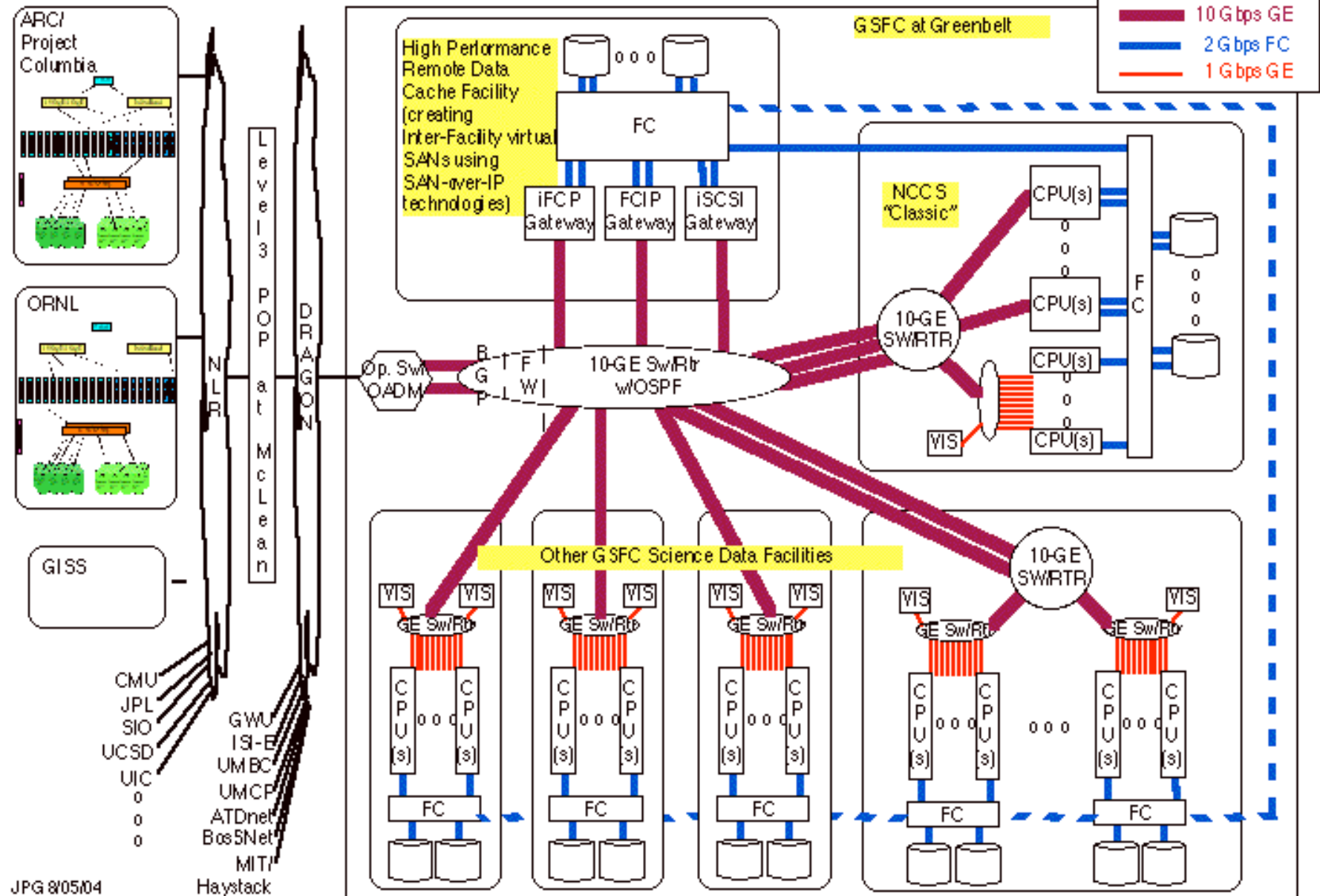
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GSFC L-Net for NCCS and Science Buildings





GSFC SEN and HECN

GSFC Lambda Network Project Website

- http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/IRAD_Lambda.html
- **Designs**
 - GSFC Local Network Part (i.e., within GSFC)
 - Regional Network Part (i.e., between GSFC in Greenbelt, MD, & Level3 POP in McLean, VA, typically involving the DRAGON optical network)
 - Transcontinental Network Part (i.e., use of NLR, GSFC 10-GE switch & workstations in the Level3 POP in McLean, VA, & remote end users/sites)
- **Implementation Status**
 - GSFC Local Network Part
 - Regional Network Part
 - Transcontinental Network Part
- **Presentations/Events in the News**
 - Eg: P. Gary's 18Feb05 presentation at GSFC's FY04 IRAD Colloquium <<http://cisto.gsfc.nasa.gov/L-Netpdfs/FY04IRADGARY.pdf>>
 - Live Demonstration of 21st Century National-Scale Team Science <<http://www.calit2.net/articles/article.php?id=660>>
- **Related Links (e.g., DRAGON, HOPI, NLR, OptIPuter, ...)**



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GSFC SEN and HECN

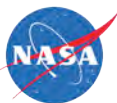
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- **ESTC Computing Technology Project**
 - PM: Jim Fischer/606
- **IT Pathfinder Working Group**
 - Chair: Dr. Milton Halem/Emeritus & UMBC
- **Thunderhead Cluster**
 - John Dorband/696

GSFC External

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 - CEO: Tom West
 - Net Eng Lead: Debbie Montano
- **OptIPuter Project (NSF-funded)**
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 - Co-PI: Dr. Tom DeFanti/UIC
 - PM: Maxine Brown/UIC
 - UCSD Net Eng: Greg Hidley, Arron Chin, Phil Papodopolos
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- **DRAGON Project (NSF-funded)**
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 - Co-I: Tom Lehman/USC-ISI/E
 - Net Eng: Chris Tracy/UMCP
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 - DPM: Kevin Jones/ARC



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